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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Reply To Moscow

THE West's answer to the latest Soviet Note which called for a Four-Power conference this month is now being carefully drafted. There appears to be nothing new in the note likely to open the way to agreement. The Soviet Government makes four proposals, but they are merely a repetition of those made in Berlin last February and which the Western ministers were unable to accept. The reasons for their inability to do so are still valid. As in Berlin, Mr. Molotov speaks of the need for free all-German elections, but again there is no sign that his conception of free elections agrees with that of the non-Communist countries. On the contrary, we have just been given a practical example of what he regards as free elections. Five days after the new note was presented to the Ambassador in Moscow elections were held in the Soviet zone of Germany. The result was hailed as a "democratic victory". Secondly, the note is a last for discussion on the withdrawal of all Allied troops from Germany. Thirdly, Mr. Molotov proposed in Berlin that Allied troops should be withdrawn in six months, now it is that they shall be withdrawn without delay.

THE difference is immaterial and the conditions are clearly impossible. For one thing it would mean the disruption of the whole NATO defence system. For another it would mean that the only military force left in Germany would be the so-called East German police. In fact a well-equipped army. The third proposal is the restoration of the Berlin "Molotov Plan" for the creation of a system of collective security in Europe, but there is no indication that this is prepared to drop its claim and that a precondition for the creation of such a system must be the dissolution of NATO. Clearly nothing could come of any conference in which the dissolution of NATO would be demanded by the Russians. The last proposal is that there shall be a resumption of discussions on the drafting of the Austrian treaty. Previous talks broke down when the Russians suddenly demanded after all clauses had been agreed upon—that the occupation forces remain in the country for an indefinite time. There is no indication that the Russians have dropped this grotesque demand. There is in fact nothing in the whole note which allows one to hope that such a conference could achieve results. It must, therefore, be concluded that the note is an attempt to wreck Western unity.

Should She Be Criticised, Envied Or Admired?

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Another woman has attempted that task: **NANCY SPAIN**, the celebrated novelist and columnist. She knew Gertrude Lawrence; she was at school with Gertrude Lawrence's daughter.

Hongkong is represented in the exhibition being held in London at present by the British Puppet Guild. China Mail feature writer, Gordon Hing tells you about Hongkong puppets and the red and glove puppet, to London by a local banker, who makes puppetry (Chinese traditional) his hobby during his spare hours.

World's strangest story this week is about two sensible but staid English women—one a school principal—who visited the Versailles retreat of Marie-Antoinette and **THEY STEPPED BACK TO THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY**.

Some brave wives reveal to Anne Sharply the little deceptions which help to change mere males into husbands.

Spencer Chapman gives his family—and you—a glimpse of the big game in South Africa at close quarters. Don't miss chapter three of this delightful story.

SOCIALIST REBUFF TO MR FRANCE

'No Support Unless You Accept Our Conditions' PREMIER UNLIKELY TO AGREE TO PROPOSALS

Paris, Nov. 11.

The French Socialists tonight refused to join the five-month-old Government of M. Pierre Mendes-France except on conditions which the Prime Minister is unlikely to accept.

An extraordinary national congress of the party called to consider the Premier's offer of six Cabinet posts decided that he must first adhere to a Socialist economic programme before the party could join his Government.

Political quarters regarded the Socialist rebuff as a "time bomb" which would sooner or later lead to the Government's downfall.

M. Mendes-France had invited the Socialists to join the Government before he leaves for the United States on Saturday. He had offered them six cabinet posts.

CLOCK-WATCHING POLICEMAN LOSES HIS JOB

Berlin, Nov. 11.

A West Berlin policeman is now in gaol for having looked at his watch. When he is released, he will be without a job because the police do not want him any longer.

Erwin Plever was on his beat, one day, in a West Berlin district and time was drawing near when he would be able to return to his comfortable home, put on his slippers and listen to the radio while his wife would be preparing him a nice dish of sauerkraut with hot sausages which he would wash down with a pint of good German beer.

Suddenly, as he was passing in front of a jeweller's shop, he was almost run down by a man who was rushing out of the shop and fleeing at high speed down the street.

Angered, Erwin threw a nasty glance at the fleeing figure who was disappearing around the corner. Then a second person—a girl—came rushing out of the shop and bumped into him.

GRABBED HIS LAPELS

His anger was growing when the girl grabbed his lapels, shouting "Quick, quick, run after that man. It is a thief. He is making away with our jewels."

Erwin's face grew very red as he pulled out his watch and looked at it. "I am awfully sorry, madame," he said. "My time of duty ends in two minutes and it would take me more than that to catch the thief," he added.

The thief was not caught, but Erwin ended up in gaol.—France-Press.

New Railway Dispute In UK

London, Nov. 11.

Leaders of nearly 300,000 British railway workers today rejected as inadequate a series of pay increases granted last month by the British Transport Commission, which operates the state-owned rail system.

The union chiefs, members of the Executive of the National Union of Railwaymen, called for an "urgent meeting" of their executives of the commission.

The bulk of British railwaymen, apart from train drivers and firemen, received increases last month ranging from 2/6 to 6/6 a week, making the minimum wage scale run from £6-7-0 per week to £15-17-0.

The Union had sought rises ranging from 10/0 to 25/6.

The NUR agreed to the settlement but the leaders today decided to reject it, allowing protests from most of the union's 1,600 branches throughout the country.

This fresh threat to Britain's rail peace came as a complete surprise tonight to heads of the British Transport Commission.—Reuter.

40-Mile Swarm Of Locusts Seen In Morocco

Agadir, Morocco, Nov. 11.

A new 60-kilometre (about 40-mile) long swarm of locusts has been reported to be moving along the foot of the Atlas Mountains in southern Morocco. An emergency meeting, called last Wednesday, decided to form a "defence committee" and draw up plans to fight a possible "invasion".

Civilians and military planes are ready to go into action against the pests. If necessary, perhaps 40 planes will be put into battle.—France-Press.

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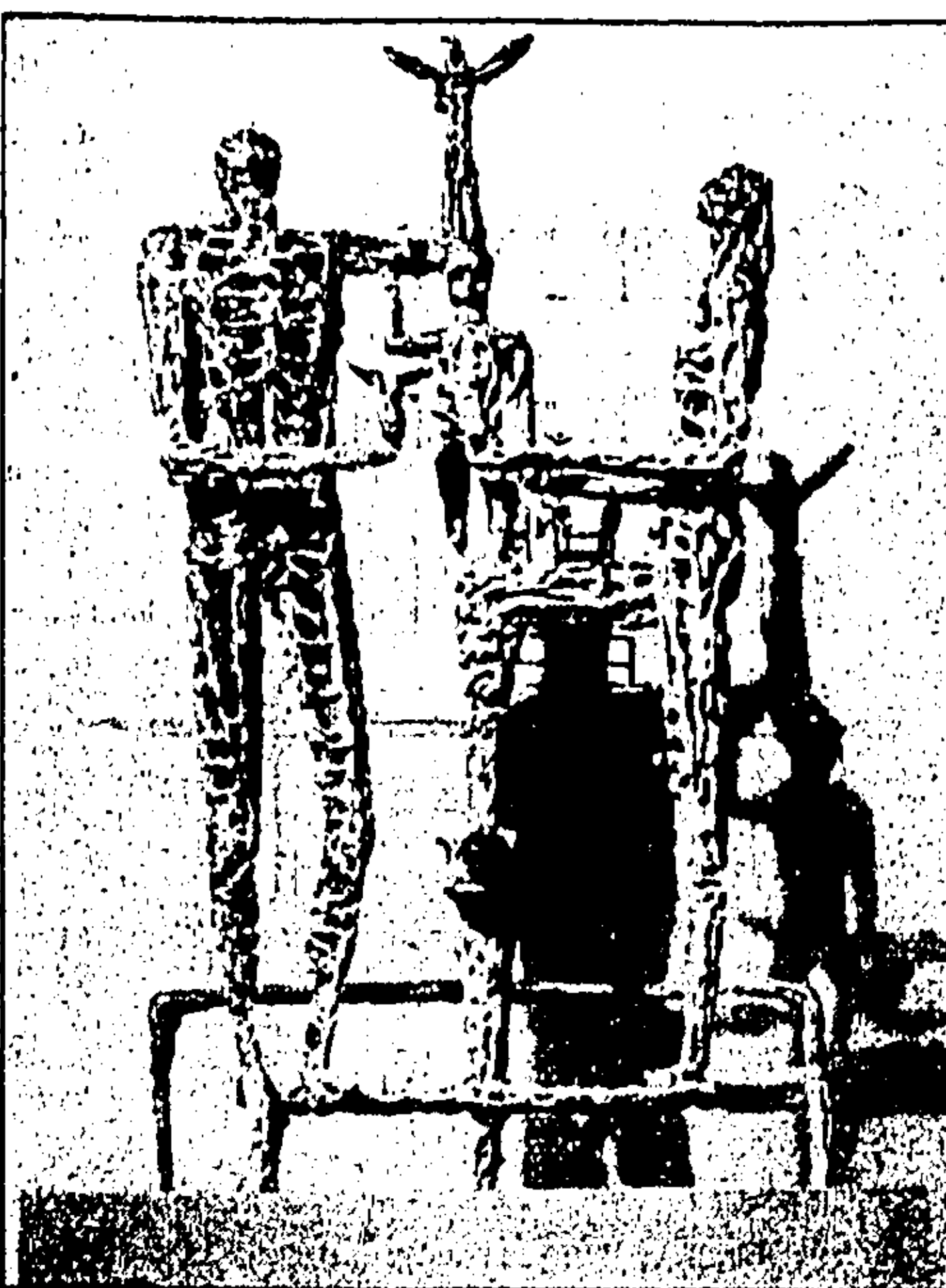
M.C.C. Stand

Nov. 12, Sydney.

When tea was taken in the M.C.C.-N.S.W. match to-day, the M.C.C. had lost four wickets for 177.

Butler was 98, not out and Cowdrey was 65 and out.—Reuter.

T.U.C. Didn't Like This!



The Trade Union Congress wanted two sculptures for their seventh storey memorial building going up in London's Bloomsbury. They offered £1,000 for a group to go in the court yard to commemorate trade unionists who made sacrifices in two world wars; another £1,000 for a main entrance group to symbolise the movement. And the result? Every one of the 123 entries has been rejected. This skeleton effort is one of the rejected entries.—London Express Photo.

Four Wickets Go Before Lunch

DISASTROUS START BY M.C.C. AGAINST N.S.W. TEAM

Sydney, Nov. 12.

The M.C.C. made a disastrous start in its most important match of the tour so far when it lost four wickets for only 56 runs at lunch against New South Wales today.

The wicket favoured the home side, but Len Hutton, the M.C.C. captain, played confident cricket throughout the morning and was 29 not out when lunch was taken.

A comparative newcomer to Grade cricket in New South Wales, Crawford took the wickets of Edrich (for seven) and Simpson for a duck. And at that stage, the M.C.C. has lost two wickets for 24.

Peter May was never happy during his short stay at the wicket and followed Simpson when he had scored only one.

WILSON'S SHORT STAY

Then Yorkshire batsman, Vic Wilson came in and checked the crash temporarily but was well caught by Simpson off Miller for nine.

Cowdrey was not out eight when lunch was taken.

Crawford's bowling figures at lunch were two for 13 runs, Miller's one for 14 and Treanor, one for 12 runs.

Scoreboard at lunch:

M.C.C.—1st Innings.	
L. Hutton, not out	39
W. Edrich, c. Simpson b. Crawford	7
R. Simpson, c. Simpson b. Crawford	0
Peter May, c. Benaud b. Treanor	1
Vic Wilson, c. Simpson b. Miller	9
Cowdrey, not out	8
Extras	1
Total for four wickets	65

—Reuter.

How To Ease The Cold War: Russian Premier's Attitude

Four-Power Talks Would Be Useful—Malenkov

Washington, Nov. 11.

Usually reliable official sources said today that Soviet Premier, Mr. Georgi Malenkov, told the United States and British Ambassadors in Moscow on Sunday that a four-Power conference of Foreign Ministers would be useful.

They said it is significant that Malenkov did not propose a four-Power conference at the highest levels, and he did not say when a Foreign Ministers' conference should be held. Apparently, the Soviet Premier did not mention the recent London and Paris agreements in that connection.

Mr. Malenkov was said to have avoided any specific cold war subject which worried him. It was said that the Sunday American-Russian plane incident in the Far East was not directly raised.

There is some feeling in diplomatic quarters that Mr. Malenkov's attitude, as expressed privately, reflected Soviet belief that the Kremlin cannot stop West German rearmament under the new plan worked out in Paris.

However, the sources said that the United States Ambassador, Mr. Charles E. Bohlen, and the British Ambassador, Sir William Hayter, who saw him together, were most impressed by the fact that Malenkov considered the bettering of relations between Soviet Russia and the West would take some time and that diplomatic channels for this purpose should be the main vehicle of communication.

USE OF DIPLOMACY

Mr. Bohlen and Sir William Hayter were said to have made the point that Mr. Malenkov's desires about the use of diplomacy to settle disputes were curbed by an almost complete absence of contacts between them and the Russians. Mr. Malenkov was reported to have said that steps would be taken to solve this situation.

The sources understood both Ambassadors concluded that Mr. Malenkov apparently considered that post-war Soviet policies had created too much bitterness and distrust in the West for relations to be bettered suddenly and in a dramatic way, such as by a meeting of Malenkov with President Eisenhower.

They said that if this interpretation of the Ambassadors' statements was correct, then there was a possibility that Mr. Malenkov was sincere in his talk. They pointed out that President Eisenhower is obviously willing to give Mr. Malenkov a chance to prove his sincerity and for that reason his public statements in regard to Soviet Russia this week have been most moderate and forbearing.

FOLLOW THIS LINE

They understood that Eisenhower has told the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, and other high Administration officials to follow this line for the time being.

The sources said that there is a feeling in some Administration circles that Mr. Malenkov's views may encourage Premier, M. Pierre Mendes-France during his visit here next week to urge a four-Power Foreign Ministers' meeting in the early part of the next year.

They pointed out that M. Mendes-France has consistently advocated a further Foreign Ministers' meeting and he has the full support of most French public opinion.

Consequently, they said, it would not be surprising if M. Mendes-France advocated such a meeting once the recent Western Powers agreements have been ratified by the lower Chambers but before the higher Chambers of the interested countries had approved them.

The last details of ratification are likely to take until April or even May in some countries.

The sources believed that Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill, will shortly have an exchange of views with President Eisenhower on what Malenkov said and it would probably be a direct telephone communication rather than through diplomatic channels.—United Press.

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SIR WINSTON WILL EXAMINE THOSE HORROR COMICS

London, Nov. 11.

the Prime Minister, has interested himself in the campaign being waged in Britain against "horror" comics, most of which are imported from the United States.

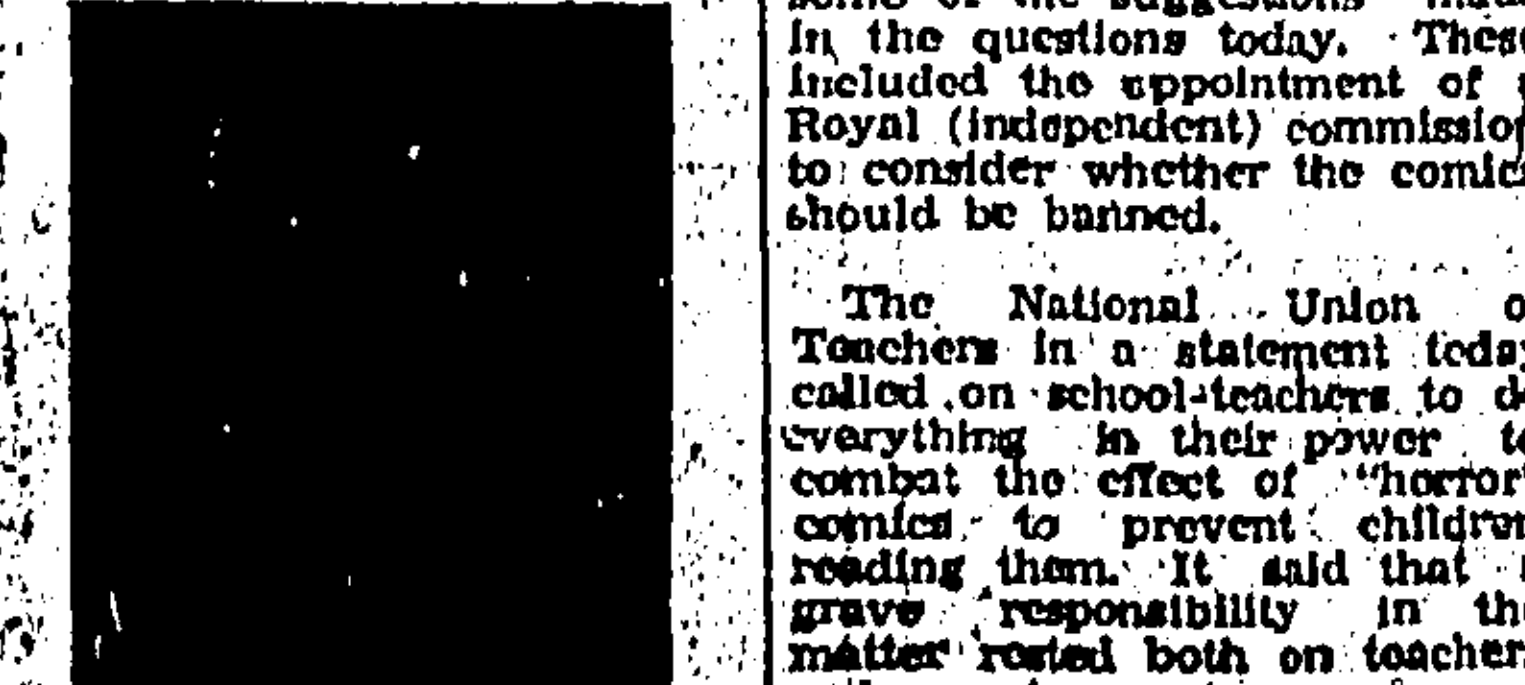
He told the House of Commons today that he asked to see some specimens some weeks ago but had not yet had a chance to examine them.

He intervened to say this when the Home Secretary, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd George was being bombarded with questions about the comics which their detractors described as "sex", "vicious", "distasteful" and "likely to have a bad moral effect on children."

Dr. Barnett Stross, (Labour) asked if it was true that the Home Secretary had supplied the Prime Minister with horror comics.

The Home roared at the idea of the Prime Minister reading comics and cheered him when he himself got up to reply. "The Government had already said some advice is necessary."

Mr. Lloyd George repeated today: "I entirely agree that something should be done."



But there are difficulties of differentiating between what is objectionable and what is not objectionable.

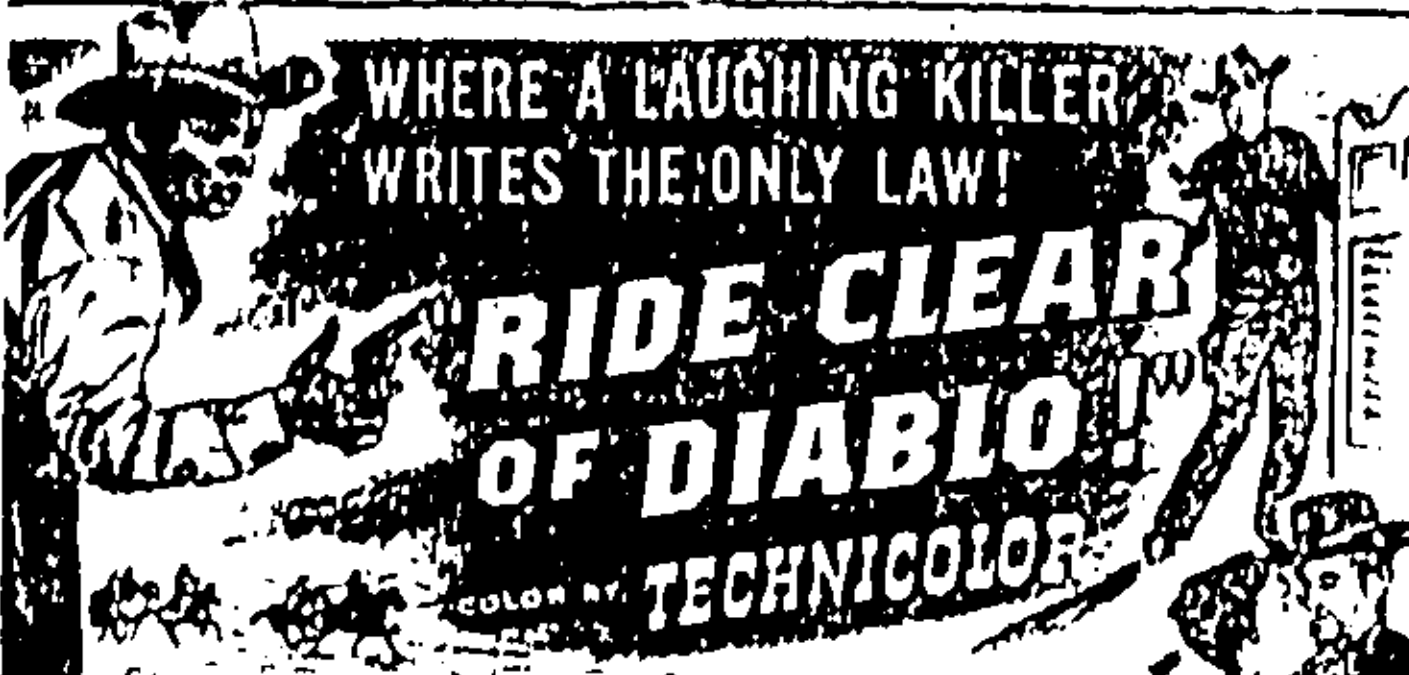
He said he would consider some of the suggestions made in the questions today. These included the appointment of a Royal (independent) commission to consider whether the comics should be banned.

The National Union of Teachers in a statement today called on school-teachers to do everything in their power to combat the effect of "horror" comics to prevent children reading them. It said that a grave responsibility in the matter rested both on teachers and parents.

The Union's executive, the statement said, had approved a list of periodicals which they considered could be read without danger.—China Mail Special.

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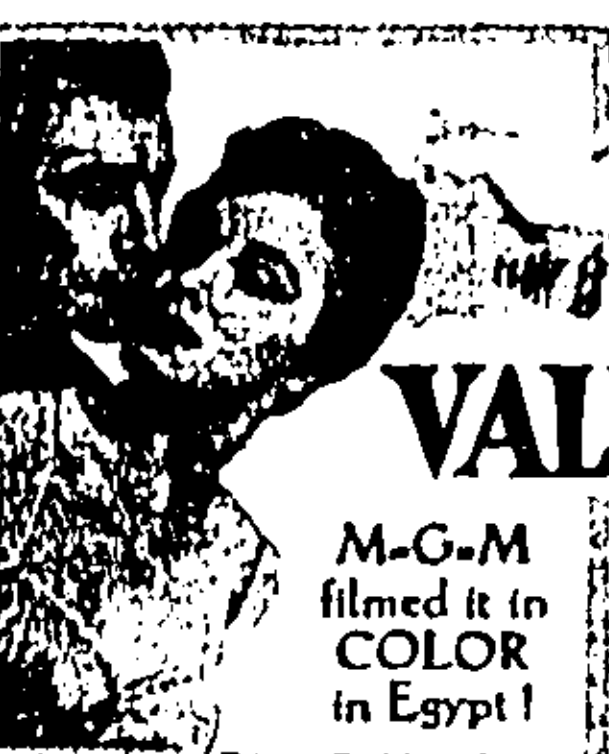
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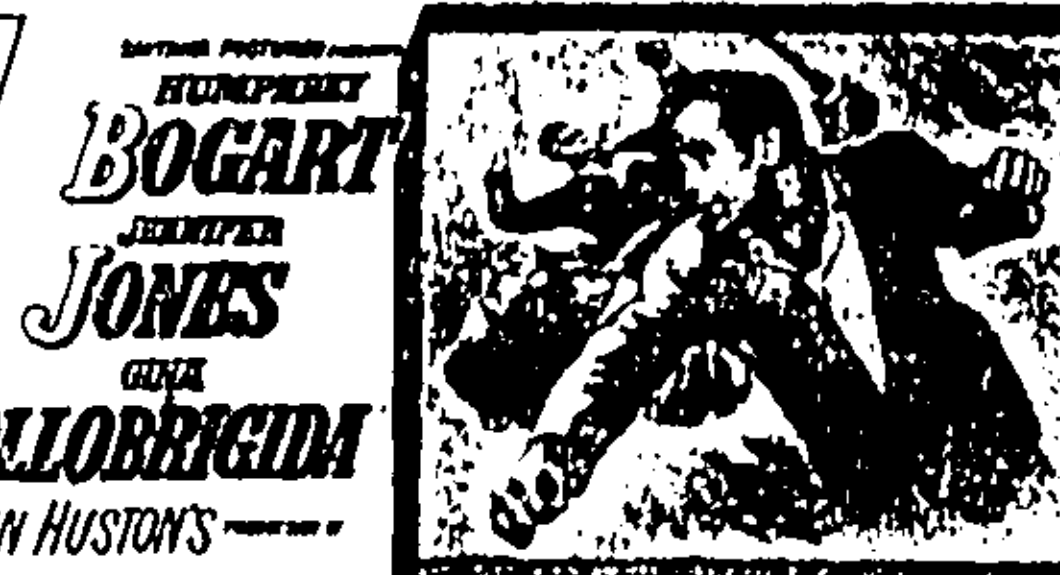
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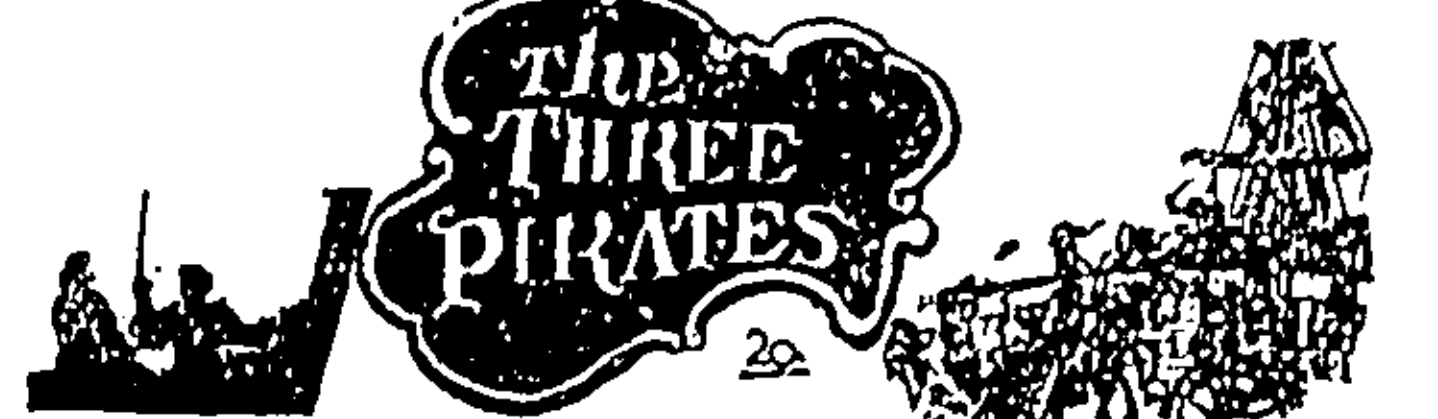
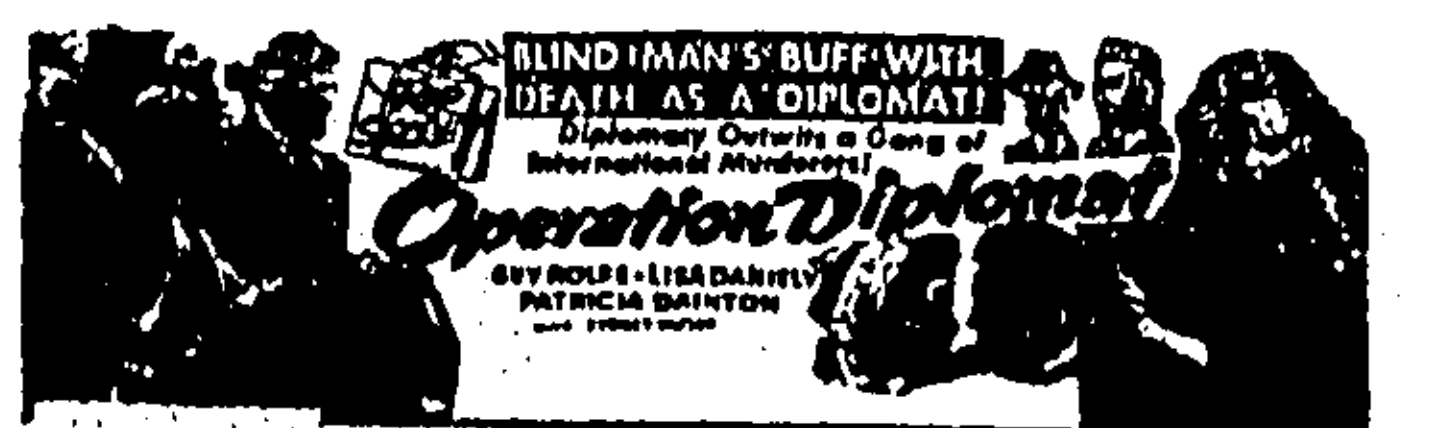
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Trouble on the boulevards for Mr France

**LATEST MEASURE
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Paris, Nov. 11.

Milk drinking Premier Pierre Mendes-France, who rocketed to fame and popularity when he ended the war in Indo-China, was today fast losing some of his popularity — and all because of a glass of rum.

In the market places and boulevard cafes, there was only one topic — the Premier's stringent new measures to curb alcoholism, which were approved by the Cabinet last night.

And the measure, causing the most bitter protest, is a ban on the sale of spirits between five and 10 in the morning — though wine and beer is allowed.

Hundreds of abattoir workers and market porters who start work in the early hours of the morning are expected to protest against the ban, which prevents them buying their usual rum, Cognac or Calvados (apple brandy).

But the workers are not the only ones expected to protest.

BARMAID'S PROTEST

Blonde barmaid Marie Louise Petit Jean said "We operate in a business centre and sell between 20 and 30 little glasses every morning to people going to offices and warehouses."

"Nobody wants a rum or Calvados after 10. It's getting near the aperitif time," she added.

Cafe owners are also worried about the effect on business of a proposed 20 per cent increase in taxes on drinks and the plan to enforce a one-day a week close down to fall into line with shops.

Louis Poincyrolle, behind the cash register of a bar near the Palais National, said "The cost of living is high enough already but most people can still afford to drink. We can't make a living with coffee and lemonade."

Boulevard cafe waiter Leon Delpert compared it with wartime. "It's going to be just like the occupation all over again," he grunted. "That was one of the worst things — the Vichy

crowd closing down bars three days a week."

And the universal question was "who is going to enforce the regulations? Does it mean a policeman behind every bar?"

But many believe the tough penalties proposed — ranging from prison terms and fines to loss of licence — will persuade barmen to throw out the drunks and dissuade them from serving minors.

The measures are not expected to have much effect on the tourist trade. Few visitors drink before 11 o'clock, cafe owners said.

GONE TOO FAR

Up to now, most people have regarded the Premier's milk drinking as a mild eccentricity in a traditionally wine drinking country. But now they believe he has gone too far with his measures to make drinking harder and more expensive.

Most of the measures announced will require parliamentary approval and a tough battle is predicted.

M. Mendes-France is not underestimating the opposition to his crusade to stop an annual average drain of 150,000 million francs (£150 million) on the cure and cure of alcoholics and the effects of too much drink on the working ability and morals of the nation.

"I am going to be attacked," M. Mendes-France said today. "But we must fight against this blot which is one of the worst in our country."

"The French have only a slight idea of the ravages which alcoholism causes to the nation."

THOUSAND INMATES
"In my own Department, the Eure, for example, there are a thousand inmates of lunatic asylums out of a total population of 300,000 — a proportion of one to 300."

"Each year the figures mount by 50. A quarter of the work accidents in France are due to alcoholism. I'm not speaking of road accidents. Alcoholism costs the country hundreds of millions of francs each year," — Reuter.

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Bernie, Nov. 11.

No trace of radioactivity has been found so far in canned fish imported into Switzerland from Japan, the Federal Veterinary Office announced here today.

Numerous cans of fish have been tested at the Physics Institute of Basle University and not one was found to be radioactive.

The Swiss authorities have been testing canned fish from Japan ever since the atomic explosions in the Pacific last spring. — Reuter.

H.K.U. CHINESE SOCIETY

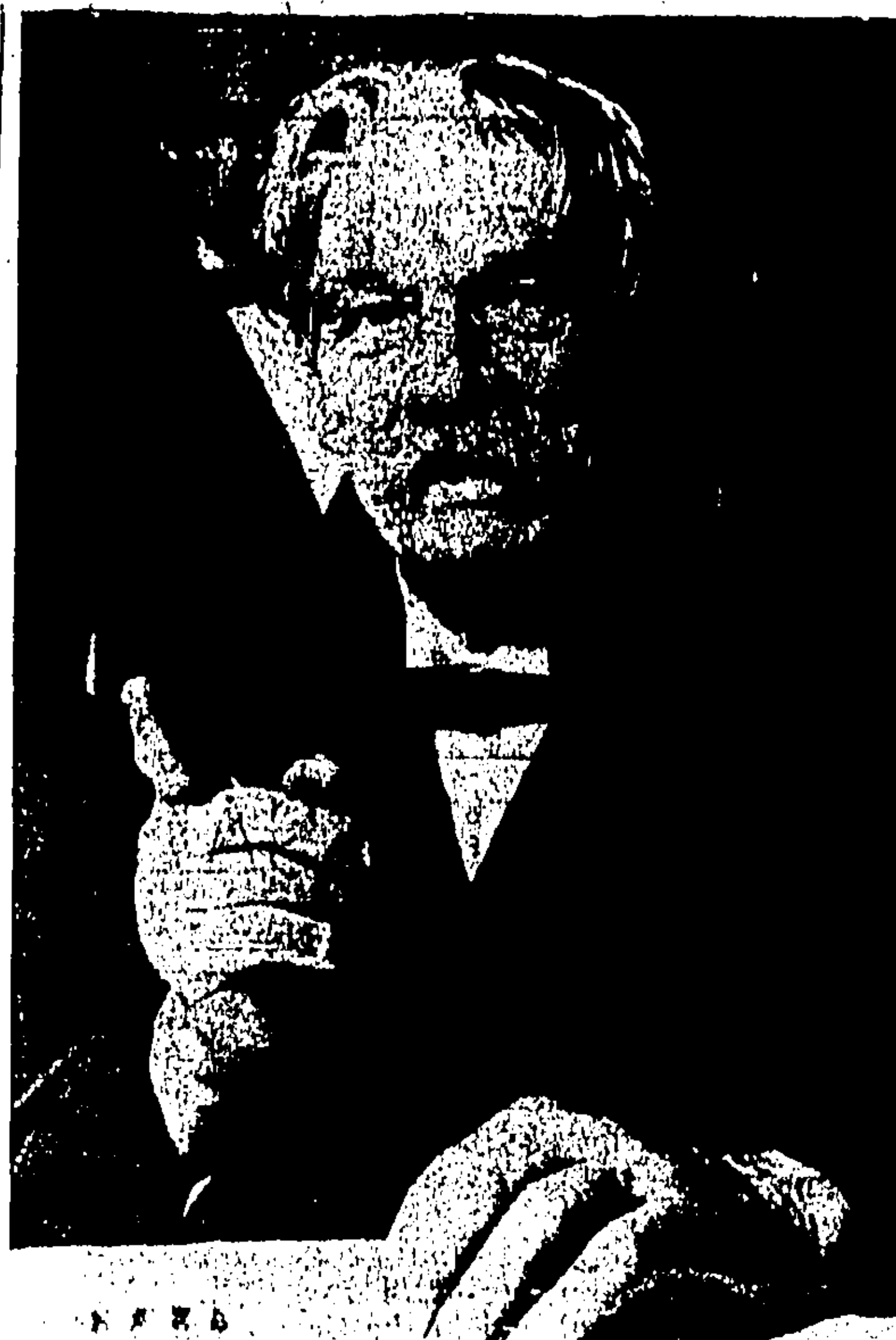
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Professor Albert Schweitzer, who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize this year, at a Press conference in Copenhagen. Professor Schweitzer, who was on his way to Oslo to collect the prize, stopped for a few hours in Copenhagen to see some old friends. — Express Photo.

Prince Charles Will Be Six Next Sunday

London, Nov. 11.

His Royal Highness Prince Charles, Duke of Cornwall and heir apparent to the British Throne, will be six years old on Sunday and he's all boy.

To the delight of his father, Charles is improving his horsemanship, yearning to learn cricket and swimming, developing a mechanical bent, and preparing to learn boxing as soon as his parents consider him old enough.

It pleases his mother, the Queen, that he has a musical sense. She regularly instructs him at the piano. The Prince also shows a flair for drawing and painting.

But his father, the Duke of Edinburgh, will now take a stronger hand in making a man of the boy. His swimming lesson will be lengthened. His father who only splashes with him now, will teach him to swim in the Palace indoor pool.

TO PLAY CRICKET

The Duke is an athletic man and has let it be known Charles won't be a lazy. The lad will soon be playing cricket on a team with other boys he knows, directed by the Duke.

Riding lessons will be more frequent too. Charles is learning fast on his bay Irish pony, William, which he rides in the grounds of Windsor castle. But something or an uneasy seat in the saddle has shown up in Charles as compared to his sister Princess Anne who, although two years younger, already shows the horsewoman's style of her mother.

Recently it was disclosed his parents were making tentative inquiries about boxing lessons for Charles and feelers were extended to an American boy as a sparring partner. But the Palace now says the boxing plans have been postponed until the Prince puts on some poundage.

Charles likes his model radio-controlled cars and his red tricycle, with "Chunkie" painted on the side. His joy is in scurrying to the Royal Mews,

**PRINCE CHARLES**
(His Last Birthday.)

where the big cars are garaged, and "help" the chauffeurs wash and clean them.

OWN CAMERA

He has his own small camera and is constantly taking pictures on the "press the button and see what comes out" principle.

Boys and girls whose parents are friends of the Queen will join Prince Charles for his birthday tea party. His favourite: cheese sandwiches will be on the table and there will be balloons for decoration. — United Press.

Yugoslav Honour C'wealth Dead

Belgrade Nov. 11.

A Yugoslav Army Guard of Honour fired three volleys over the graves of war dead at the Commonwealth cemetery here during a joint British Commonwealth-United States Remembrance Day ceremony today.

Wreaths were laid by Mr James Riddleberger, American Ambassador, Sir John Sutherland, British Charge d'Affaires, and Mr David Gurnham, Canadian Charge d'Affaires. — United Press.

QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA

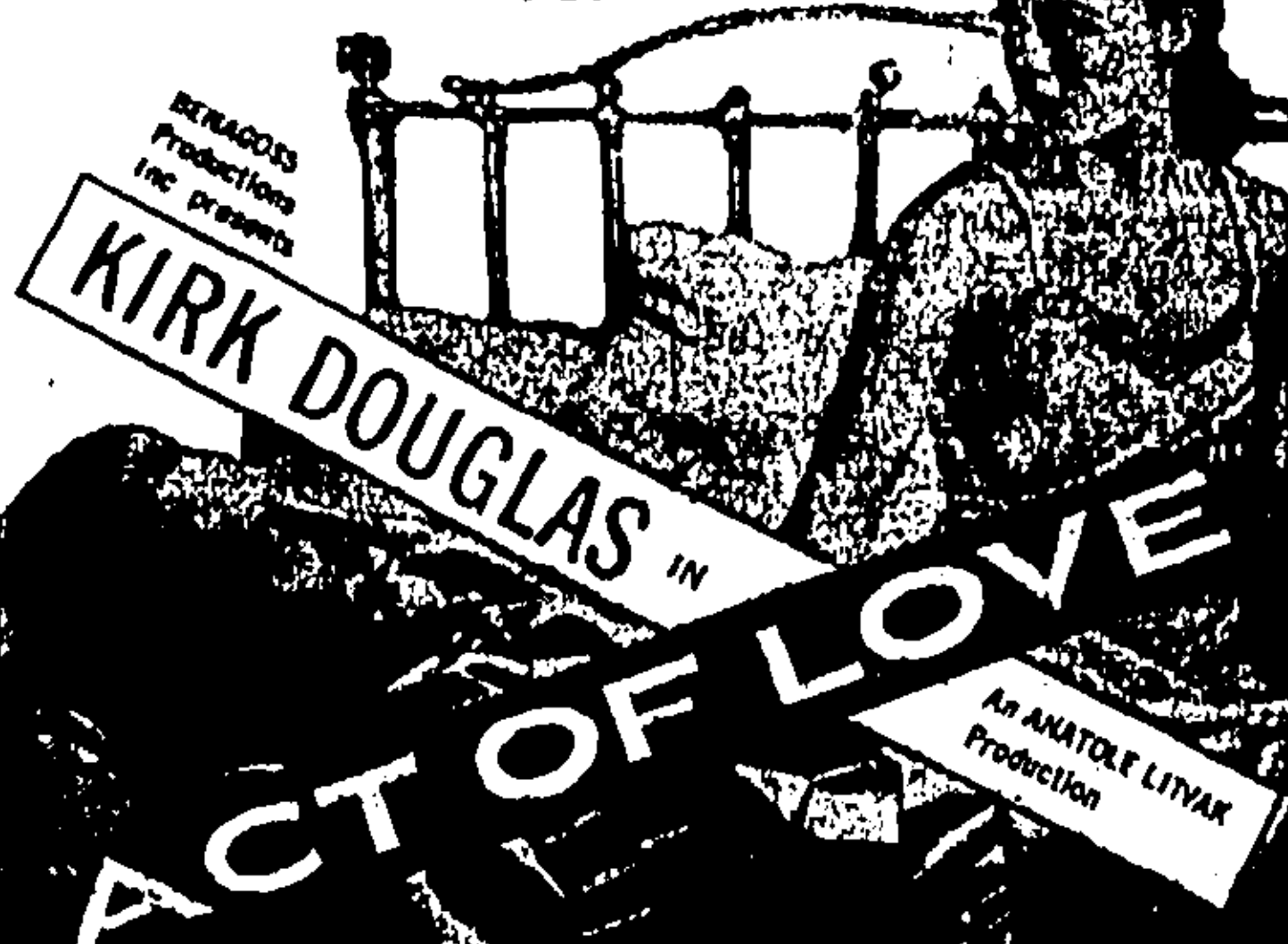
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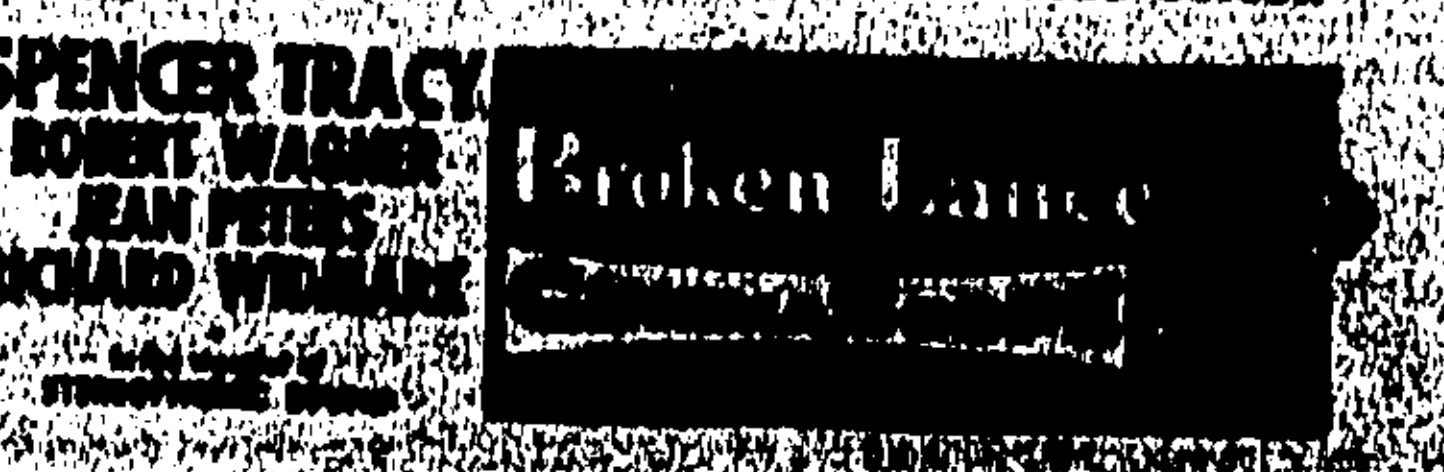
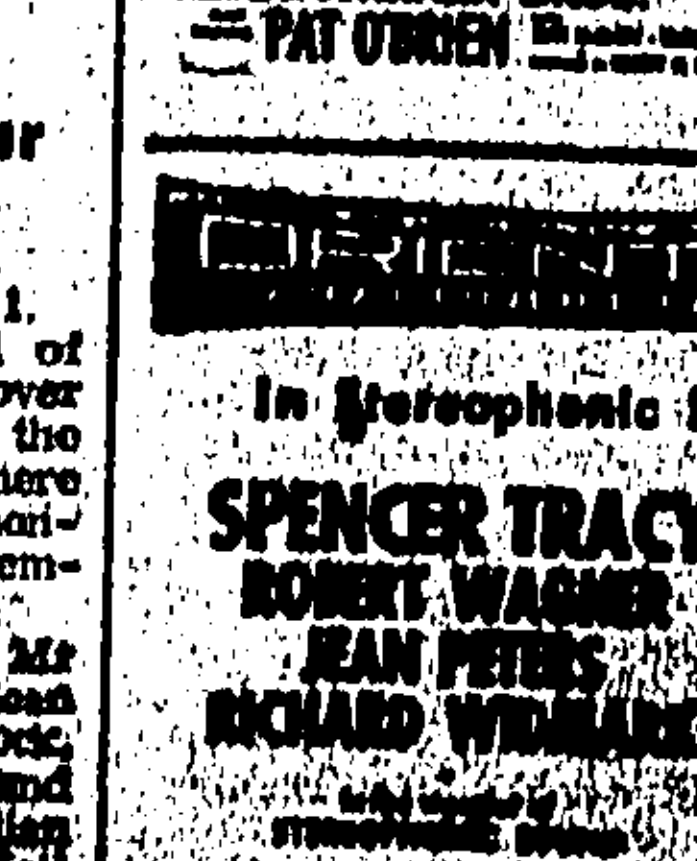
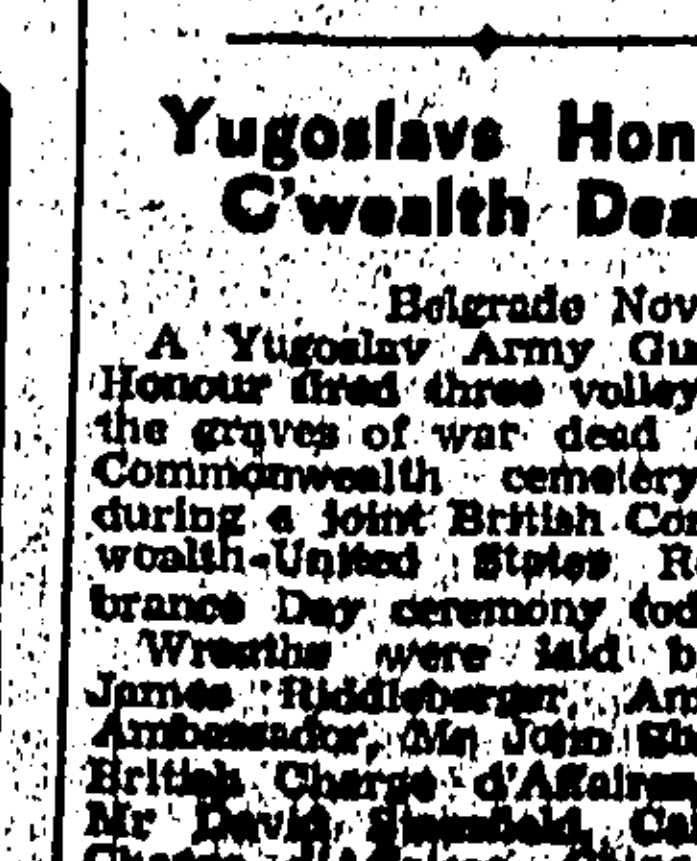
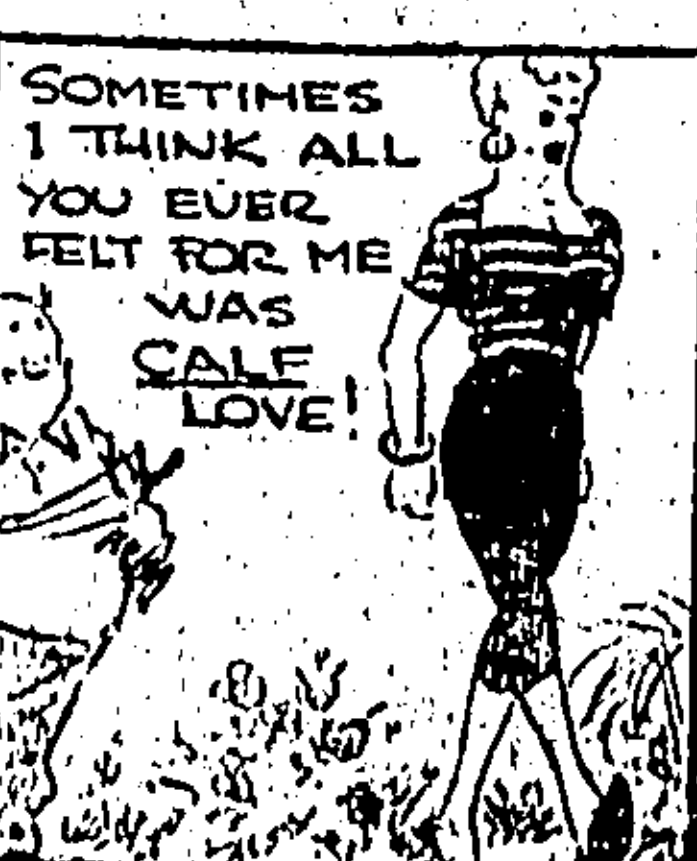
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MARY PICKFORD

Mary Only Had Indigestion

Beverly Hills, Calif., Nov. 11.

Mary Pickford, America's sweetheart of the silent film era, was given emergency treatment by a fire department resuscitator squad because, she said today, she suffered an attack of indigestion brought on by a "case of nerves."

"I had an attack of indigestion from eating a tortilla, which I love," the former star said.

An "ouch-ouch" Mexican dish made by stuffing a tortilla, or corn pancake with various highly-spiced ingredients such as cheese and onions, chili-flavored beef, a tomato.

Fire department Capt. Fred May disclosed that Miss Pickford, wife of producer Dudley Rogers, was given oxygen for 22 minutes following the attack on Monday night. The fire department listed the case as "possible emotional upset."

"My husband got worried about me and called the doctor," Miss Pickford said. "He couldn't get the doctor as quickly as he wanted to, so he called the Inhalator Squad."

"It was just a case of nerves more than anything else and I did not digest my dinner properly."

Asked what she was nervous about, Miss Pickford said:

"Just the normal strain of life today."

She said she was very busy working on "many projects."

She insisted, however, that she was in good health.

"I thank the Good Lord that I am in good health," she said.

—United Press

Speed-up Follows Unrest In North Africa

ARMS & EXPLOSIVES STOCKS DISCOVERED

Paris, Nov. 11.

French Premier Pierre Mendes-France and Tunisian Premier Tahar Ben Ammar decided today to speed talks on home rule for Tunisia, spurred on by new waves of unrest in French North Africa.

M. Mendes-France conferred with Ben Ammar, Tunisian and Moroccan Affairs Minister, Christian Fouchet, and Tunisian Resident-General, General Pierre Boyer de la Tour for 65 minutes this morning before attending the Armistice Day celebrations.

At the close of the meeting, M. Fouchet told newsmen: "We decided to accelerate the talks."

Ben Ammar will meet M. Mendes-France tomorrow.

The Tunisian Premier came into office after M. Mendes-France made a dramatic flight to Tunis to promise the Bey that hereafter this week following the eruption of violence

neighbouring in Algeria last week.

IN MOUNTAINS
Two hundred to 250 Tunisian Fellagha (nationalist outlaws) are reported to be in the Aurès mountains of eastern Algeria fighting alongside the Algerian nationalists.

Responsible French and Tunisian authorities feared the Algerian outbreak might spread back into Tunisia and bring about a recurrence of the incidents which took 300 lives there in the first six months of the year, according to French figures.

Gen. Boyer de la Tour and Ben Ammar rushed to Paris with the express purpose of seeing M. Mendes-France before the busy Premier takes off on Saturday for a two-week tour of Canada and the United States.

Both sides hope that the present slow-moving negotiations can be swiftly concluded and Tunisia assured that the settlement will be a concrete fact in the near future. The talks have been going on since September 4.

While bad weather held up the terrorist mopping-up operations in the Aurès mountain region, the authorities today continued their search throughout the country for arms and supporters of the outlaw movement.

143 UNDER ARREST
It was reported here that 143 persons have been placed under arrest on various charges.

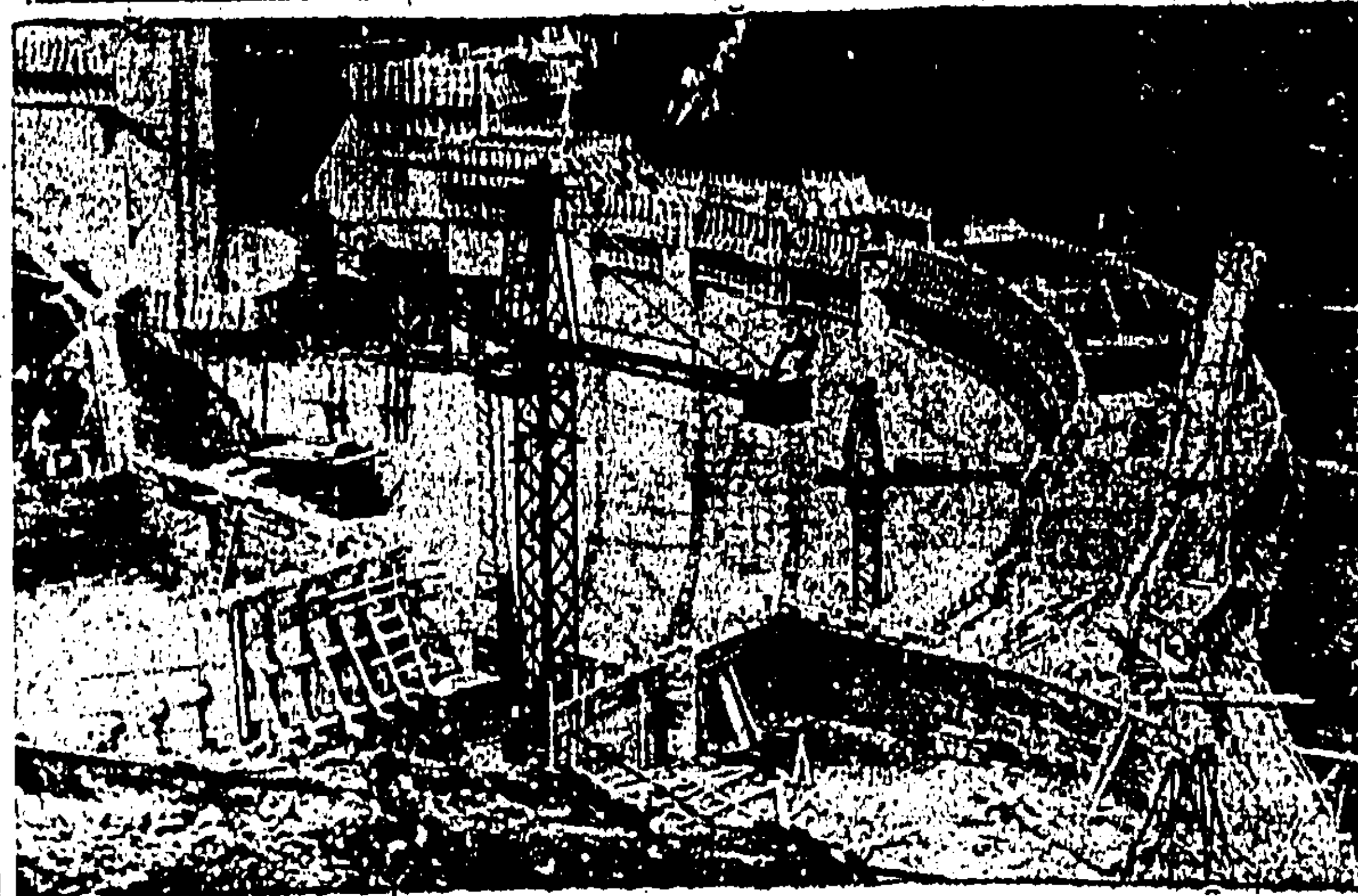
In many towns and villages, small stocks of arms and explosives were discovered. In a house in the suburb of Oran, several bombs were seized and the owner arrested. At Pinetie, in the Department of Algiers, pamphlets calling for insurrection and signed the "Liberation Party" were found and confiscated.

Meanwhile, later reports said that the Cad. of El Ouldja in the Aurès mountain area, had had to flee from his village and take refuge in Khanga Sidi Naaji.

His office has been set on fire by the rebels, documents burnt, and medical supplies stored in the school had been stolen.

DIFFICULT REGION
The region is difficult for normal combat and the French Air Force carried out scolding missions over points where it was known the outlaws were concentrated.

Reports said that arms running is still active and the outlaws are receiving not only World War II weapons but also postwar rifles and machine-guns.—United Press & France-Press.



The Okertal Dam in the Harz Mountains, Germany, is nearing its completion. The dam is 200 metres long, 68 metres high and has a capacity of 71,370,000 cubic metres.—Express Photo.

Lotteries Bill Opposed

London, Nov. 11.

The powerful Churches Committee on gambling which represents all the major religious bodies in Britain, except Catholics, today asked Members of Parliament to oppose a bill, authorising the running of small lotteries to raise money for charitable, sporting and other purposes.

The bill was introduced in the House of Commons last week and has caused "great concern," the Committee said in a letter to every M.P.

"If, therefore, the bill comes up for second reading either on November 12 or at a later date, we trust that your vote will be given in favour of its rejection," the letter added.—China Mail Special.

Sir J. Cockcroft Awarded Medal

London, Nov. 11.

The Queen today approved the award of medals of the Royal Society of London, independent scientific body to a nuclear scientist and to a biochemist.

One of the two Royal Medals for the current year will go



SIR JOHN COCKCROFT

to Sir John Cockcroft, for his work as Director of the British atomic energy research centre at Harwell.

The other will be presented to German-born Professor Hans Adolf Kress, Professor of Biochemistry at Sheffield University, Yorkshire, for his contributions to science. Professor Kress won the Nobel Prize in 1953.—Reuter.

Vietminh Suspected Of Stopping Delta 'Dunkirk'

Saigon, Nov. 11.

Catholic priests said here today they suspect Vietminh Communist troops are deliberately stopping the massing "Dunkirk" exodus from beaches of the Red River Delta, where 20,000 Vietnamese peasants have fled from Communist rule since October 23.

The 16,000-ton aircraft carrier Bois Belleau, flagship of the French naval fleet, which sailed north last week to rescue anti-Communists from the beaches, docks here tomorrow with 2,000 refugees abroad.

But other rescue ships which arrive later found the beaches deserted.

DRIVEN OFF

Father Peter Vuong, Vietnamese Catholic priest, who arrived here yesterday from the Delta, said today: "For the past few days, boats along the shore have failed to find anyone. We fear the Vietminh have driven them off the beaches."

Pham Ngoc Chi, Bishop of Bui Chu Province on the Delta coast, said he had reports that at least 40,000 more people were trying to leave the province. Bishop Chi, who has come to Saigon to organize Catholic relief for the refugees, said another 30,000 were waiting to leave Phat Diem Province and several more thousands at Thubinh Province, flanking Bui Chu along the coast.

The Bishop added that the Vietminh were encouraging weak Catholics to denounce good Catholics and accuse them of crimes like embezzling funds.

He declared: "If the International Truce Control Commission does its duty and our people are free to stay or leave as they like, I believe at least 150,000 of the 200,000 Catholics in Bui Chu will leave the province."

He expected evacuations on the same scale from other provinces and on an even larger scale from Vinh and Thanh Hoa, where the Vietminh have ruled for eight years.

Polish, Canadian and Indian members of the Commission travelled to Phat Diem on November 2 to investigate complaints that 20,000 would-be refugees were unable to leave, according

to travellers arriving from the Delta today.

STILL NO NEWS

But there is still no news of these refugees, they added. About 1,000 refugees daily were still pouring into Haiphong.

Total of refugees evacuated from North Vietnam since the Geneva agreement, partitioning the State, numbers 495,000 according to the latest official figures here.—Reuter.

Yoshida Will Meet Laurel

Washington, Nov. 11.

Both Japanese and Philippine Embassy spokesmen denied emphatically that the meeting between Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida and Philippine Senator Jose P. Laurel has yet taken place despite reports from Manila that the two had already met.

The spokesmen said that the two statesmen will probably confer tomorrow in the forenoon at the Japanese Embassy. The talks will sound out a new approach to the reparations issue between the two countries.

On Friday morning, Mr. Yoshida will visit the Senate as the guest of outgoing Senate majority leader William Knowland, Republican from California, and Sen. Lyndon Johnson (Democrat, Texas), who will take over the majority leadership next January. After the visit, the Japanese Prime Minister will see Vice-President Richard Nixon.—France-Press.

NO MENTAL EXAMINATION

Cairo, Nov. 11.

A military tribunal trying Mahmoud Abdel Latif on charges he attempted to assassinate Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser, today rejected his lawyer's plea he be examined by a mental specialist.

Attorney Hamada de Nabil asked for the examination "because I believe only a lunatic would try to assassinate Premier Nasser."—United Press.

Paris, Nov. 11.

An Indian, M. Amikom Adishah, has been appointed Assistant Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. It was announced here today.

The appointment was made by the Secretary-General of the organization, Mr. Luther Evans, at the annual general conference now meeting in Montevideo.

Mr. Adishah has been a member of the organization's secretariat since 1949.

Mr. Adishah, who was born in Madras in 1910, studied at the London School of Economics.—Reuter.

QUEEN MOTHER BUYS SOME SOUVENIRS

Williamsburg, Va., Nov. 11.

Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, broke away from her scheduled itinerary this afternoon to do a little souvenir shopping.

She paid a surprise visit to the colonial Williamsburg Craft Shop, which sells reproductions of 18th century household utensils. Among other items she bought children's story and colouring books to take back to her grandchildren.

She had just returned from Jamestown, the site of the first English colony. Outside the ruins of a church built by the colonists there she was presented with mementos of her visit.

Jamestown is located on an island in the James River six miles from Williamsburg. At present uninhabited, it is in the process of restoration for the 350th anniversary celebration in 1957 of its founding.

HAPPY VISIT

The Queen Mother posed for photographers under the statue of Captain John Smith, who was in charge of the Colony. At a dinner tonight in the Williamsburg Inn, where her suite is, the Queen Mother said she was happy to see Williamsburg during her visit to the United States.

She added that she was amazed at the skill and patience which had been put into restoring the Colonial atmosphere.

Following dinner, the Queen was entertained with a candle-light concert at the Governor's Palace. Earlier today she visited the restored brick Georgian building when she toured the restored area of the town in an open, horse-drawn coach.

During the tour she stopped in the historic parish to observe Veterans' Day (Remembrance Day) with a few moments of silent prayer. There she met her fifth cousin, the Reverend H.N. Tucker, Jr., the young Episcopal Minister in assistant Rector of the church.

A RELATIVE

The Queen Mother and Mr. Tucker both have a relative in Col. Augustin Warner II, who settled in Virginia about 1628 and was also an ancestor of George Washington and General Robert E. Lee.

Tomorrow the Queen will be presented with gifts especially prepared by the Colonial craftsmen of Williamsburg to take back to her grandchildren. After luncheon at the College of William and Mary, second oldest college in the U.S., the Queen Mother will leave for Canada by air.

Canadians have flocked to Ottawa to welcome the Queen Mother's arrival for a five-day stay which they regard as neither a private nor a state affair but rather as a "return visit."

Memories of the 1839 Royal tour by George VI and his consort are particularly strong today in the Canadian capital, where the citizens thronged the National War Memorial on Confederation Square for Remembrance Day ceremonies yesterday.

There in May 15 years ago one of the most moving scenes of the whole Royal progress occurred when the usually unemotional Ottawa crowds broke through lines and completely engulfed the King and Queen in an affectionate demonstration.

The Queen Mother will revisit the scene and lay a wreath at the Memorial.

HEAVY SCHEDULE

The Queen Mother faces a heavy schedule of engagements with a reception and luncheon given jointly by the Speakers of the Senate and Commons tomorrow. Her reply to Canada's welcome will be on both radio and television.

Among next week's engagements she will attend a dinner by the Prime Minister and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Louis St. Laurent, on Monday at Canada's "10 Downing Street," the new official residence in Sussex Street—United Press & Reuter.

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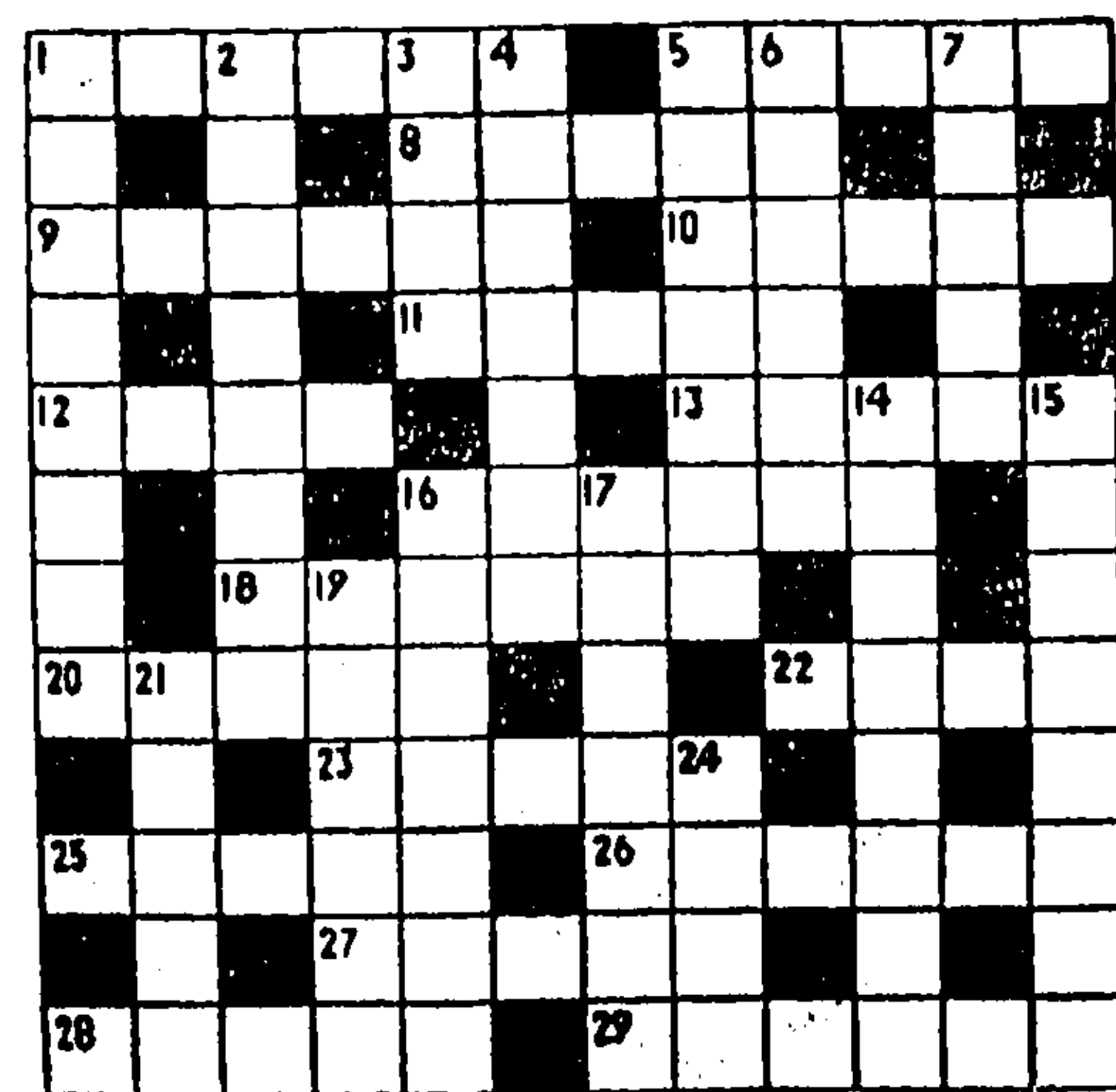
Chicago, Nov. 11.

Dr. Harold C. Urey, University of Chicago atomic expert, does not agree with Albert Einstein that it is better to be a plumber or peddler than a scientist.

Dr. Urey said he can understand Einstein's attitude, but "it is still a scientist if I had to do it over again."

Dr. Einstein said yesterday that if he were young again he would prefer plumbing or peckling.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Usage (6).
- 5 Exclude (5).
- 8 Danger (5).
- 9 Vault (6).
- 10 Metric measure (5).
- 11 Flowering shrub (5).
- 12 Engrave (4).
- 13 Cultivates (6).
- 16 Strike out (6).
- 18 Dredges (6).
- 20 Puts cargo on board (5).
- 22 War-time food (4).
- 23 Moral (5).
- 25 Money (5).
- 26 Protects (5).
- 27 Blunder (5).
- 28 Chiefs (5).
- 29 Approached (6).

DOWN

- 1 Young fowl (8).
- 2 Chose (8).
- 3 Precious stone (4).
- 4 Deserved (7).
- 5 Swells (7).
- 6 Bring to light (6).
- 7 Month (5).
- 14 1850, for instance (4, 4).
- 15 Guessed (8).
- 16 Cleaning cloths (7).
- 17 Dictionary (7).
- 19 Gave a sly glance (6).
- 21 Divert (5).
- 24 Heerb (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1. Graced, 5. Sacks, 8. Pelt, 9. Torrid, 11. Error, 12. Secure, 14. Punt, 16. Lancer, 18. Azure, 19. Doubt, 20. Tired, 24. Dwell, 25. Exerts, 26. Ease, 27. Rated, 28. Sabots, Down: 1. Gate, 2. Alms, 3. Epic, 4. Deduct, 5. Steep, 6. Current, 7. Served, 10. Recur, 13. Matador, 14. Pungent, 16. Nettled, 17. Abode, 19. Durex, 21. Area, 23. Echo, 25. Asks.

THEY WILL MEASURE SEA GRASS

Scientists' Trip May Beat Famine

London, Nov. 11.

Scientists who have just sailed from London in the British research ship Discovery II are seeking a formula that could help to feed millions of people who have never seen the sea.

New apparatus has been fitted into the ship, which is to make a North Sea voyage before going out into the Atlantic. In their floating laboratories, the sea scientists will be able to measure more accurately than ever before how many fish a particular area of water can support.

EXPLANATION

Mr. Ronald Currie, a Scot whose home is now near Godalming, Surrey, explained this just before the ship sailed.

"There is a growth in the sea which might be called the grass of the ocean," he said. "It extends largely controls the

number of fish that can live in that part of the sea. Experiments have been made to try and increase the fertility of parts of the ocean. Large quantities of phosphates were put into a Scottish sea loch."

SEA MOUNTAINS

If the scientists found an easy method of producing more "sea grass," the way would be open for large-scale fish breeding in inland waters. The fish could feed people in parts of Africa or the Far East where the threat of famine occurs.

The 1,000-ton Discovery II has a cruising range of 10,000 miles. During a 20-month voyage to the Antarctic in 1950-51 her scientists found sea mountains and returned with more than 2,000 bottles of minute marine animal and vegetable life.—London Express Service.

Greek Girl Changes Sex



The case of Garoufalia Kaloeraki is one of great interest to both scientific circles and the people of Athens in general. Garoufalia, a sixteen-year-old girl who lives in Nikitsa, Athens, felt the first symptoms of a change of sex about two years ago. She was taken by her father to a clinic, where it was ascertained that it was definitely a case of hermaphroditism, in which the male sex showed a distinct superiority. After her examination, Garoufalia, dressed like a man, entered the male hospital ward, and underwent a series of operations, which finally succeeded in turning her into a complete man.

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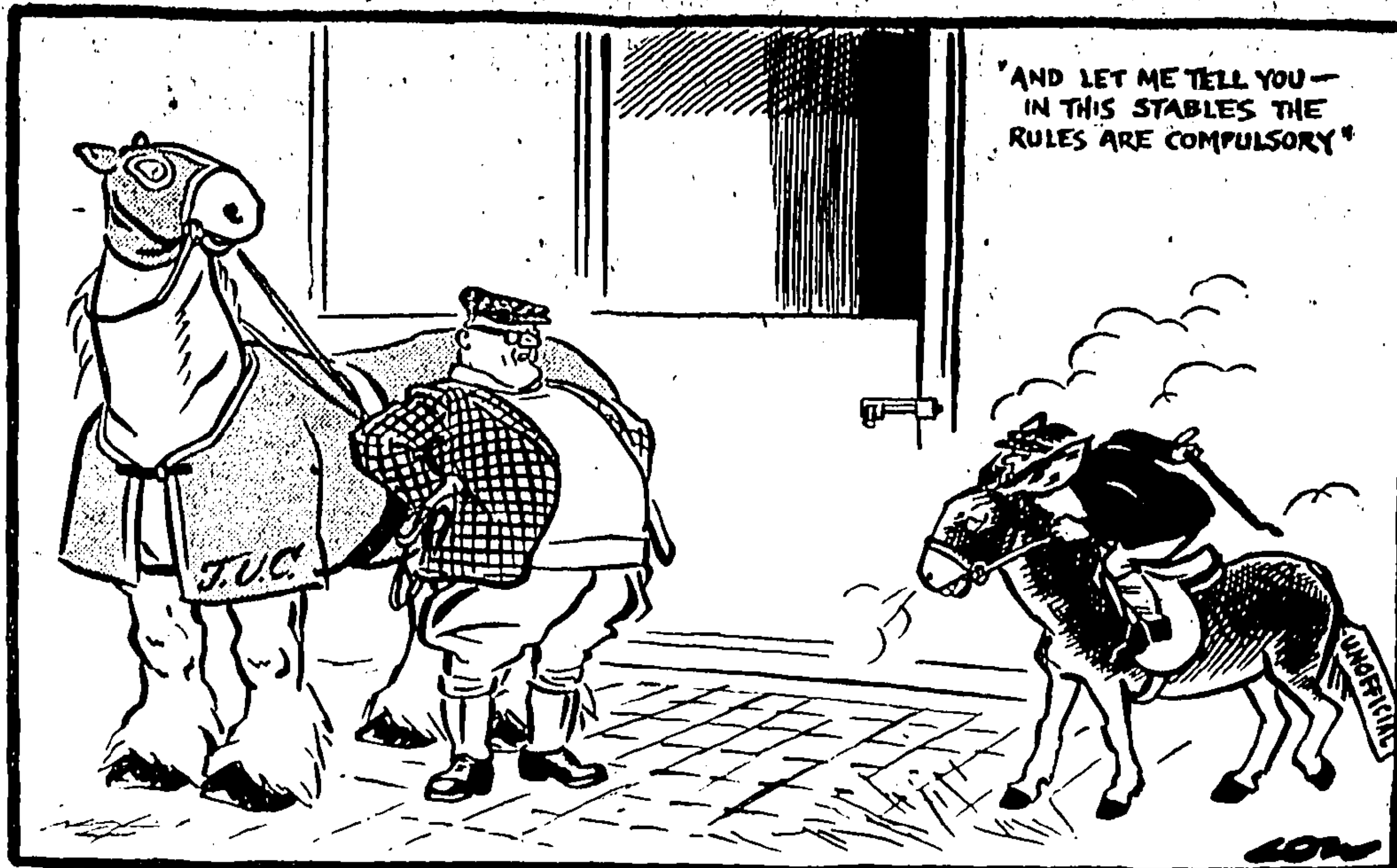
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Russia's Underground Public Opinion

By ELISABETH HUNKIN

ONE of the most vital elements in a nation's life is public opinion. In a parliamentary democracy, it is mostly through the interplay of divergent opinions, and not through any one uniform view, that policy is shaped. It has become a truism that a totalitarian regime, on the other hand, creates an artificial uniformity of opinion which does not represent more than a small ruling section of the population, it indeed it represents the genuine sentiments of anybody at all.

Nevertheless, experience shows that even in a totalitarian State public opinion cannot so easily be crushed out of existence; it goes underground and thence seeps to the surface in various illicit ways.

In the Soviet Union, the public has been denied free expression of its opinions for several decades. Press, radio, and even the forum of parliament are closed to all sentiments but those of official propaganda. Nevertheless, many emigres from the Soviet Union have testified that the Russian people still find outlets to express their own true feelings. Some of these outlets are described in a most interesting monograph recently published by the Institute for the Study of the History and Culture of the USSR, in Munich.

HEARSAY

THE monograph speaks first of news learned by hearsay and rumour. Where people know that many facts are kept from them and others presented in a distorted light, there is a tremendous scope for hearsay. News of untoward events—of military clashes, natural disasters, local risings or mass deportations—which never appears in the Soviet press, spreads like wildfire in the form of rumour.

In the early thirties, for example, all sorts of gruesome tales were known about the horrors of famine in the Volga area or the Ukraine. Sometimes the rumours, expressive of a deep-rooted fear in people's minds, have had a quite fantastic ring. Typical of the period of collectivisation was the grim story among the peasantry that old people's bodies would be left to rot in the collective farm fields, where they would act as fertilizer.

The information which goes from mouth to mouth is often of a markedly anti-government nature. For example, people were very receptive to secret

assertions made by those "in the know" that Lenin in his testament had warned that Stalin was not the man to succeed him and should not be given too much power.

During the last war people were kept in constant suspense by the same kind of bush telegraph. Soon after the opening of the Finnish campaign, for example, rumours of the desperate resistance of the Finns and the losses of the Red Army were circulating thousands of miles from the front.

At the same time, the Russian people are quick to read between the lines of public announcements. When any unexpected and sensational occurrence is passed, few accept the official reasons given. On the contrary, there is endless speculation about the Government's real motives.

RUMOURS

SOMETIMES Party agitators themselves have to be detailed to advance officially inspired theories. For it is quite clear that the Soviet Government itself is not above using the unofficial channels of information and will, on occasion, initiate rumours of its own to influence the public mind and prepare the ground for some new measure. The Munich monograph men-

tions as an example the war-time rumour that the collective farms would be disbanded if victory was achieved.

A particularly fruitful field for rumour is the Soviet ruling class. There very little is made public about the families and personal habits of the Soviet leaders. All that is known of their private lives is known from hearsay. When Stalin's wife, Alliluyeva, died in 1932, it was asserted up and down the Soviet Union that she had not died a natural death, although there were different versions of how her death actually took place.

There is similar widespread speculation whenever a prominent Soviet Communist dies before his time. In the cases of Ordzhonikidze and of Zhdanov, Soviet citizens were the first to be sceptical of the official report on the causes of death.

It seems that the urban population in the Soviet Union is the most eager for rumours of all kinds. In the countryside, people tend to be interested only in rumours which directly affect collective farm life. According to the monograph of the Munich Institute, the most active purveyors of unofficial news are civil servants and minor officials; but rumours circulate fairly freely among the industrial workers too. Within the organs of the Party, pieces of confidential information, said to have been gleaned from

superiors, are always going the rounds.

Another means of expressing public opinion is through jokes and anecdotes and puns. There is a whole wealth of these in the Soviet Union—and in the satellite countries too, from all accounts: most of them reflecting a hearty dislike of one or other aspect of the regime.

A favourite form of witicism is the re-interpretation of some official slogan or title. For example, people have often played on the letters SSSR (USSR). One version of their meaning particularly favoured by Soviet students was "Small Stalinia sparet Russia" (Stalin's death will save Russia). The letters MTS, official abbreviation for the machine tractor stations which dominate the Soviet countryside, have been interpreted by Soviet farmers themselves as "Mogila trudovomu sel'yanstvu" (Grave of the rural worker).

ANECDOTES

IT is said that some of the witicism and most popular anti-Soviet anecdotes of an earlier period originated with the brilliant Soviet journalist Karel Radek, who was tried and executed in 1937. But Soviet citizens do not rely for their witicism on outstanding individual opponents of the regime. Innumerable bitter or whimsical anecdotes on all sorts of subjects spring up more or less spontaneously when people have no other means of expressing what they really think and feel.

ANOTHER NEW WORLD TO FRIGHTEN US?

By LES ARMOUR

MAN'S world has received some severe shakings in the past. Galileo reduced the earth to a mere pinpoint in a vast universe, Einstein transformed the ways in which we could look at things. Rutherford opened a whole new universe in the atom.

But none of these discoveries did much to change the ways in which most men viewed most things most of the time.

Big Shake-up

So a man who proposes a shake-up which would be vaster than any of those mentioned and — more important — necessarily change everybody's everyday way of life, should be looked at closely.

Such a man is Dr J. B. Rhine, director of the Parapsychology Research Laboratory at Duke University, in North Carolina.

His researches have led him to believe that one day it

may be possible to look into the future with as much certainty as we can now look into the past, to move mountains with thought and — most certain and perhaps most frightening of all — to read one another's thoughts.

There is no way of estimating the consequences of such findings except to say that life as we now live it would be finished for ever.

Dr Rhine has amassed a good deal of evidence in more than twenty years of steady hard work.

Only the most sceptical will doubt that his card guessing experiments have proved that telepathy and clairvoyance are simple facts. Most impartial observers will agree that his experiments on influencing inert matter — dice and decks of cards and small objects on inclined planes — is highly suggestive.

But farther than that?

If these phenomena do happen and if they can be repeated regularly under carefully controlled conditions, then it is possible that someone sometime will find the ways and means of controlling and extending them.

Yet no one has, and even Rhine admits that it will be a long time before the big secrets are cracked.

He pleads for more research, for more tools, for more consideration of the possible effects.

He explains that things like prayer and the direct effects of the activities of God probably work through much the same agency as telepathy and telekinesis, and that a scientific backing for religious revelation may be just around the corner.

New Systems

He explains that a whole new sociology and a whole new system of law may be required if the great discovery ever does break — and urges that we should be doing something about getting ready now.

He may be right. He has been to parapsychology what Bertrand Russell once was to philosophy. He has provided the sweeping new ideas; others have supplied the essential support and filled in the all-important details.

His new book, "New World of the Mind" (Faber and Faber, 18s) follows closely on the confirmations of telepathy and clairvoyance phenomena by Britain's Dr S. G. Soal.

He has pointed the way. No doubt others will follow. But it is perhaps not very wise to take any bets just yet.

JUNGLE JACK JUST PICKED UP A FORTUNE

By ARTHUR MORLEY

JACK WHITE, the brawny, slow-spoken Australian bushman who started the great uranium boom in the first place, wasn't at Rum Jungle to see the Prime Minister, Cabinet and governmental big-wigs admire his work.

Jack, the man who discovered uranium at Rum Jungle back in 1949, was driving his jeep over the sun-scorched, empty landscape south of Darwin. He had just stopped at the Adelaide River Hotel and taken his place at the bar as Prime Minister R. G. Menzies pressed the button that started the £3,000,000 Rum Jungle uranium plant working.

White and his friends switched on the radio in the bar and heard the Australian Broadcasting Commission announcer describe the event. "And in the audience here," the announcer said, "we have James White, the discoverer of Rum Jungle."

THE FIRST

They switched off the radio at that and some of White's friends angrily telephoned Darwin to protest. But Jack White tried to calm them down.

"It doesn't upset me in the slightest," he said quietly. "I didn't care much and anyway I wouldn't go along without an invitation."

"They say they sent me one, but I opened my postal box in Darwin two days before the opening ceremony and it wasn't there then."

Australian Government officials still say White's was the first invitation to be sent. Those who know prospector White say maybe it went astray, maybe somebody made a muddle, or maybe he didn't want to go conspicuously among the crowds.

He was awarded £25,000 by the Australian Government last year for finding the great Rum Jungle field. What would you do with £25,000? It might have been twenty-five shillings for all the basic difference it has made to White's life.

NO TOURING

He has a jeep now, but he managed to get around the vast spaces of the never-never land before jeeps were invented, so it hasn't changed his life much from the old days.

Jack White doesn't want to travel to Britain, or see Paris, or make a jaunt to New York. Those places don't worry him. He still loves the freedom of the territory in which he lives.

And he still lives in his simple galvanised iron cottage without running down water or gas, or

HE WAITED

Five years ago he heard mention of the new mineral uranium. He wrote off to the Bureau of Mines for a brochure for prospectors.

He examined one of the coloured plates closely and grinned to himself. "I'd seen a lot of that stuff lying around, so I just rode over to Rum Jungle to shoot kangaroos and pick up some samples."

He made world headlines for a few days and then dropped back into obscurity.

He hired himself out cutting timber at Rum Jungle just like any other bushman, and waited until last year to collect his reward.

And there's nothing more he wants than to go on being a bushman, even though he is conscious of the place he has made for himself in history.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Now is this the little swan who hasn't got a union card?"

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"Right after this next number, Helen, I have an important announcement."

• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

PROFESSOR MAXIMILIAN MOOKAU has well said that so long as shop assistants and customers indulge in the unhygienic habit of breathing there can be no real hygiene in food shops. Further, every word uttered expels a certain quantity of germ-laden breath.

Snapping must be forbidden, and also fidgeting, which starts up dust. An experiment made in Tottenham Court Road showed that a woman who took a deep breath outside a shop, ran in quickly with closed lips and pointed to a crate of eggs, was forced to expel her breath before the fourth egg was served to her. On dashing for the door, she knocked into a health inspector. This overcoat brushed against some bits of him, and the assistant shouted, "Fill!" thus contaminating the air. What is needed is legislation against talking, breathing, and moving in food shops.

A regrettable digression

IN a short address Mr Justice Cocklecarrot said that Mr Tinsell's false nose might appear a trivial matter to some people, but if the country of false noses on Sundays came to be tolerated wigs would follow; then theatrical costumes, spears, swords, shields, horses and...

Gooseboote: M'bud, the defendant was dressed as on a weekday, save for the cardboard nose.

Cocklecarrot: Referred to, somewhat vulgarly, in the song

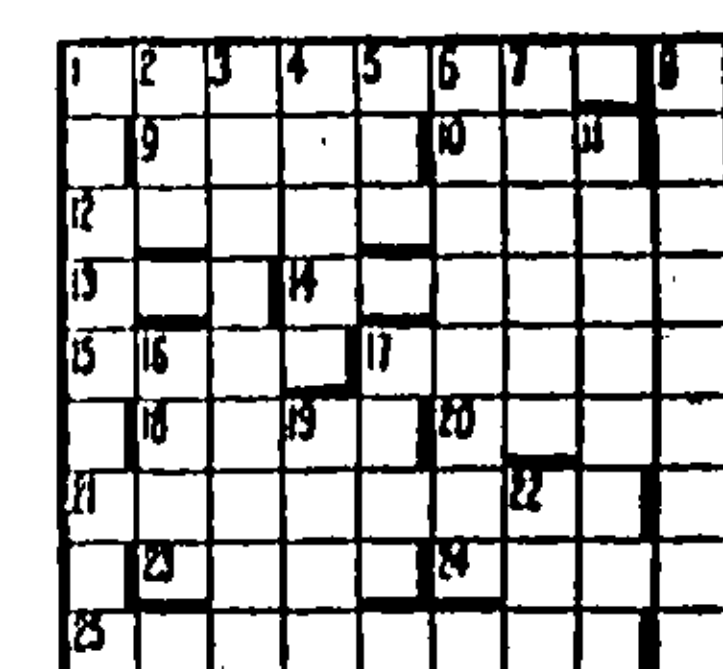
YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

BIRTHDAY. You have one of those... (text continues)

Witty and full of humor, you make a fine conversationalist and are usually the life of the party. The time must easily appeal to you, for you enjoy dramatizing yourself and you have no fear of facing your public. Beauty in all its forms is

CROSSWORD



Across
1. After January. (3)
2. Shakespeare's weaver was asked to do this. (4)
3. Edward the Duke. (3)
4. Alien meat (anagram). (9)
5. Lolly ball. (5)
6. "My land, Good night" (Byron). (10)
7. It carries its beer well. (4)
8. Cut the Lagoon or... (Coleridge). (5)
9. 20. Minus. (4)
10. Murder a minute? (4, 4)
11. Polka-dotted fields? (4)
12. Prelix to a symbol of the flying age. (6)
13. Clinging hotel porter? (8, 5)

Down
1. What a Acove does. (4, 5)
2. Time from heraldic shields. (3)
3. Street of war reminiscences? (4, 5)
4. The day you save for. (5)
5. It provides many a cup of tea. (5)
6. A not among others in Latin. (5)
7. Sounds as if someone is talking about a wheel covering. (8)
8. This keeps the mind occupied. (9)
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15. 18. (10)

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• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Luck and Skill Make Game Winner

By OSWALD JACOBY

NORTH didn't really have the values for a raise to two spades in today's hand. He had only one high card, and his distributional strength was quite limited because of the fact that he had only three-card support for spades.

If I were a strict moralist, I would show a hand in which North made such a raise and wound up in the ash can. Instead, since I am only a truthful reporter, I must relate how the raise led South to an ambitious game contract, made by a combination of good luck and very skillful play.

There wasn't much to the bidding after North's foolish raise. East passed to await developments, and South contributed same. South expected that his partner had length in spades, shortness in hearts, and some high cards in the minor suits. Almost any such holding would provide a fine play for game. East doubled the game contract, hardly believing his ears.

When West opened the ten of hearts, North put down his hand

NORTH 17	
♠ 6 4 2	
♥ None	
♦ A 8 5	
♣ 10 9 8 7 5 4	
WEST	
♠ 9 8	♠ K J 10
♥ 10 6 2	♥ A Q J 9 3
♦ 10 9 7 4 2	♦ K J
♣ Q 3 2	♣ K J 6
SOUTH	
♠ A Q 7 5 3	
♥ K 8 7 5 4	
♦ Q 3	
♣ A	
Both sides vul.	
East	South
1 ♠	1 ♠
2 ♠	2 ♠
3 ♠	3 ♠
Double	Pass
Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥ 10	

as the dummy, and South gulped. After some thought, South said that he couldn't ruff out all of his hearts. He therefore discarded a diamond from the dummy, allowing East to win the first trick with the ace of hearts. South's real purpose, of course, was to establish his own king of hearts.

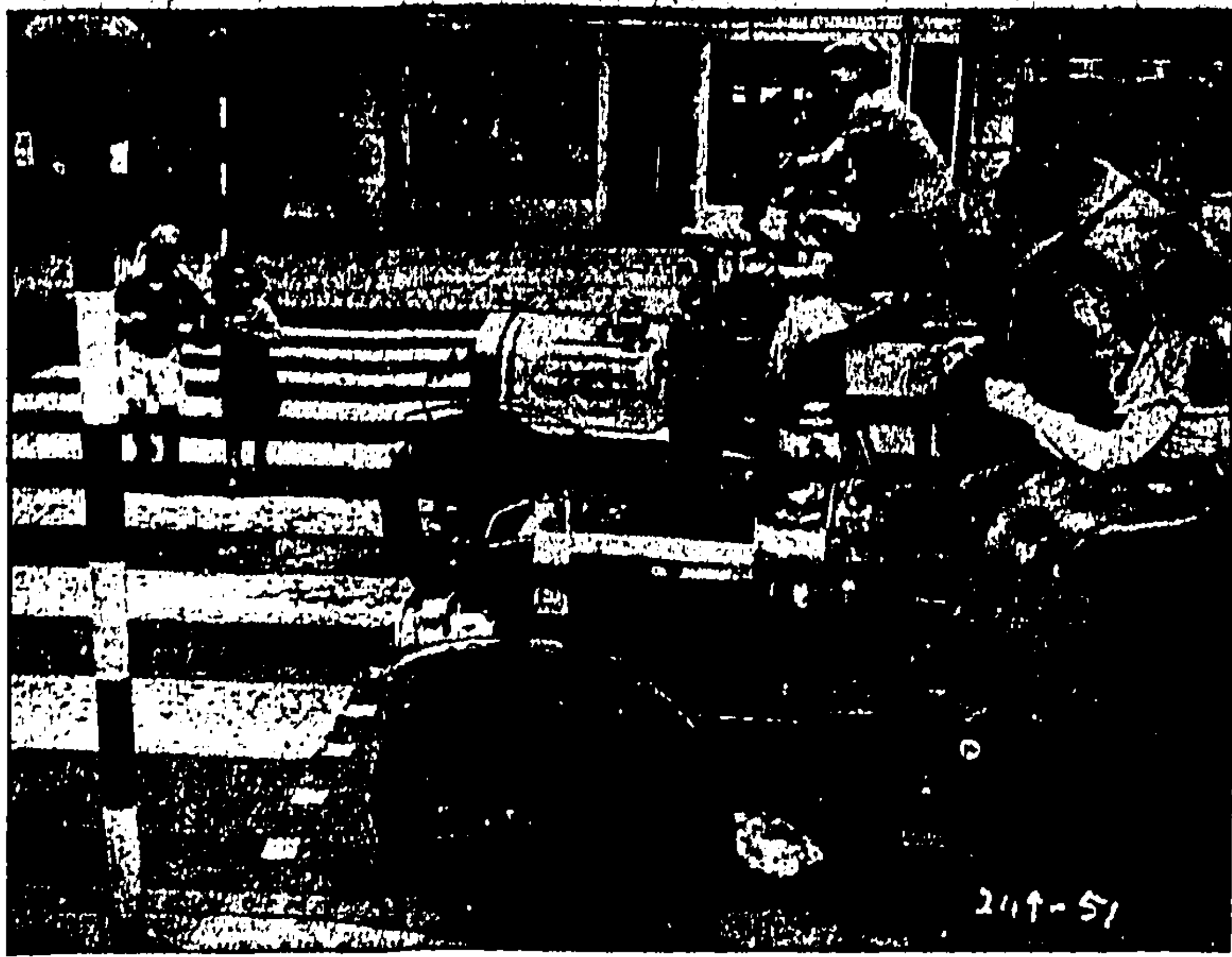
East returned the ten of spades, trying to reduce dummy's ruffing power, and South won a finesse with the queen of spades. Declarer ruffed a low heart in the dummy, returned to his hand with the ace of club, and ruffed another low heart with dummy's last trump. He then ruffed a club to get back to his hand, cashed the ace of spades, and put East in with a third round of spades.

East got out with a heart to declarer's king, and South promptly led his last trump. East dared not discard a heart or a diamond so had to part with his last club. South thereupon gave up a third trick by leading a heart to East. East had to return a diamond away from his king, thus giving South the last two tricks.

• CARD SENSE •

Q—The bidding has been: South 1 ♠, West 1 ♠, East 1 ♠, South 2 ♠, West 2 ♠, East 3 ♠, South 3 ♠, West 3 ♠, South 4 ♠, West 4 ♠, South 5 ♠, West 5 ♠, South 6 ♠, West 6 ♠, South 7 ♠, West 7 ♠, South 8 ♠, West 8 ♠, South 9 ♠, West 9 ♠, South 10 ♠, West 10 ♠, South 11 ♠, West 11 ♠, South 12 ♠, West 12 ♠, South 13 ♠, West 13 ♠, South 14 ♠, West 14 ♠, South 15 ♠, West 15 ♠, South 16 ♠, West 16 ♠, South 17 ♠, West 17 ♠, South 18 ♠, West 18 ♠, South 19 ♠, West 19 ♠, South 20 ♠, West 20 ♠, South 21 ♠, West 21 ♠, South 22 ♠, West 22 ♠, South 23 ♠, West 23 ♠, South 24 ♠, West 24 ♠, South 25 ♠, West 25 ♠, South 26 ♠, West 26 ♠, South 27 ♠, West 27 ♠, South 28 ♠, West 28 ♠, South 29 ♠, West 29 ♠, South 30 ♠, West 30 ♠, South 31 ♠, West 31 ♠, South 32 ♠, West 32 ♠, South 33 ♠, West 33 ♠, South 34 ♠, West 34 ♠, South 35 ♠, West 35 ♠, South 36 ♠, West 36 ♠, South 37 ♠, West 37 ♠, South 38 ♠, West 38 ♠, South 39 ♠, West 39 ♠, South 40 ♠, West 40 ♠, South 41 ♠, West 41 ♠, South 42 ♠, West 42 ♠, South 43 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"Genevieve", nearest the camera, taking part in the private race home from Brighton in the J. Arthur Rank film of that name.

'Genevieve' Will Be On Her Way To Brighton On Sunday

More than 200 cars, all at least 50 years old, will leave London on Sunday in an attempt to drive the 52 miles to Brighton, on the South Coast, at an average speed of 20 miles an hour.

It will almost certainly be raining, misty, and rather cold. But that only seems to add to the pleasure of the crews of these strange-looking horseless carriages.

These men—and women—will be paid nothing for doing it.

If they succeed in reaching the seaside town within the specified time, their only reward is a bronze medal of purely sentimental value.

Yet this year there is a record entry of 223 cars for the annual event.

The reason for the run, called affectionately, if rudely, "the old crocks' race," is to commemorate the law passed in 1896 which allowed drivers of the new fangled horseless carriage to use the highway without a man with a red flag walking in front.

To the Englishman, who has always regarded his car more as a member of his family than a tool, motoring really began on that dreary, foggy November 14, 1896, when the Light Locomotives on Highways Act became law and he could drive legally.

The Earl of Winchelsea ceremoniously shredded to pieces the hated Red Flag, symbol of a dying age, and 39 bone-shaking contraptions set out from the Metropole Hotel, London, for the Metropole Hotel, Brighton.

RICH MAN'S TOY

In the next 30 years, the quaint horseless carriage was transformed into the everyday transport of large numbers of people. The rich man's toy was brought within the reach of the mass of the people by men like Herbert Austin, with his "Baby Austin" and Bill Morris, now Lord Nuffield, a pioneer of the production line.

Then, in 1928, a London newspaper with its eye no doubt more on circulation than anything else, promoted the first "C. d. Crocks' Race."

The Royal Automobile Club, governing body of all competitive motoring in Britain, frowned on the light-hearted comic approach of some of the veteran car drivers, and took over the event.

It has been run every year since, except for the war years, and every year more old cars—they must be pre-1904 to qualify—are unearthed in barns, breakers' yards, and other rural resting places and restored for "The Run."

The men who find, restore, and run the veteran cars are men devoted to a sacred cause. They frown, for instance, on the practice common among ancient car fans in the United States of using modern cellulose spray painting on their old cars.

They prefer to apply patiently, with the brush, by hand, coat upon coat of coach varnish, just as it was done by craftsmen long ago.

The man who fits a modern carburettor or ignition system to a veteran is classed with men who shoot foxes, or smoke cigars with the band on, or wear brown boots with blue suits.

The fanatics have banded themselves into a club, the Veteran Car Club of Great Britain, which has hundreds of members, owning primitive old cars which rule their lives. These are divided into two classes: Veterans if made before 1904 and Edwardians if made between 1904 and 1916.

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Their blood-brothers are the younger, heavily-moustached and check-capped gentry who belong to the Vintage Sports Car Club, who consider that no vehicle worthy of the name motorcar has been made since December 31, 1930. The fabulous Bentley, winner of many races, died in its old form about this time.

But the Vintage men, owning cars made between 1916 and 1930, finally admit, a little grudgingly, that there are some sporting carriages made after 1930 in which one can ride.

To cover these they devised a new label, the Postwar Thoroughbred, which permits a gentleman to ride in a car such as a Talbot, with a racing pedigree without loss of face, although it may be a mere 20 years old.

Modern motorcars are classed by the initiated under the universal heading of Postwar Tinware, to be avoided at all costs if a man wants to retain his self-respect.

The Vintage Movement has grown astonishingly since the end of World War II. From an esoteric band of motorists meeting in a country inn some 40 miles from London, it had become a Club with a large membership.

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Many racing drivers are keen Vintageists, and turn up for the regular monthly Noggin and Natter, where the talk is technical and the car park like a museum show.

The British film industry caught the mood with the film "Genevieve", which was based on the London to Brighton run although actually shot elsewhere. The picture, of the film, a 1900 "Distracted" will take part in the November 1954 run—which must never be called a race. Members of the Veteran Car Club witness when they hear it called that.

This year, moustaches are being twirled and carvings have been tweaked over the discovery of a car claiming to be the oldest

petrol-driven model still running. It is a Hammel from Denmark, made in 1886-7, and will take part in the London-Brighton run.

There are older cars, but either they no longer work, or else they are driven by steam or electricity.

Mr Albert Hammel had the car made at his works in Copenhagen to take him to and from his home 12 miles away. It was exhibited in London in 1892, and then apparently forgotten, and rusted in a shed at the Hammel works for many years.

The Royal Danish Automobile Club produced it briefly for its Silver Jubilee—after which it was lost for another 25 years. It had been given to a museum, but they had no space for it and left it in a shed.

Then mechanic Finn Jensen rebuilt the car "as good as new," and started the engine for the first time in half a century. He lit the burners of the ignition tubes, and after a warning-up spell called for two apprentices.

"You swing her when I give the word," he told one.

"What do I do?" asked the other.

"Stand well back and if your mate is killed you can swing the next time!" said Finn.

But the Hammel, in spite of its primitive surface carburettor, started sweetly first time, firing on both cylinders.

NOT THE EASIEST

The Hammel is not the easiest car to drive, because the steering wheel has to be turned the "wrong" way. Its chassis is just like that of a horse-cart, with a chain drive.

It will share the hazards of the London-Brighton run with more than 50 other makes of the names long forgotten outside the circles of the cult, although a few still famous American names like Cadillac, Oldsmobile, and White Steamer will be there.

Not least of the hazards of this journey is the danger from Postwar Tinware, when drivers of the hundreds of modern cars, who accompany the veterans, put on their brakes in a routine way—forgetting that the old cars were made to go rather than to stop.

Another hazard is the weather, which is traditionally bad. Nearly all the cars are completely devoid of effective weather protection.

But the run is no joke. Under the heading "Fibber dress, advertisement, etc." the programme gives this warning: "The Stewards of the Veteran Car Run shall have power to disqualify any entrant who permits an action or display in any way connected with the competition, which is suggestive of trade or self-promotion, or which is deemed likely to draw undue attention to the event."—China Mail Special.

P.I. SUGAR INDUSTRY

Exports To America A Necessary Dollar Source WILL FILL QUOTA

Washington, Nov. 11. Dr Urbano A. Zafra, the Philippines Embassy Commercial Counsellor, today predicted that his country would fill its United States sugar quota next year and end 1955 with an exportable surplus of over 200,000 tons.

Testifying at the Agriculture Department hearing on sugar quotas for 1955 Dr Zafra also supported the domestic industry plea for Government action to achieve a good price for sugar.

"Barring destructive typhoons, floods and unfavourable climate conditions which have in the past cut the size of the crop as much as 40 per cent," Dr Zafra said, "the Philippines in the current 1954-55 crop year expect to harvest a total of 1,402,000 short tons of commercial centrifugal sugar.

In a statistical summary of the Philippines sugar position for 1955, Dr Zafra said total net supplies should be about 1,544,000 tons, including the 1954 carryover. He said 1,191,000 tons of this would be available for export, after making

deductions for home consumption. He said the Philippines expect to sell about 25,000 tons on the world market next year.

Dr Zafra praised the "generous assistance from the American and Philippine governments for the rehabilitation of the war devastated Philippine sugar industry.

The prewar total of 40 factories, he said, has been reduced to 25. But these represent the same 1,000,000 ton capacity as before the war.

Dr Zafra made a point of stressing the importance of Philippines' sugar revenues to that country's still unfavourable balance of trade.

"Since sugar is one of our major exports and therefore one of our main sources of dollar exchange," Dr Zafra concluded, "we respectfully request that in its determination of the sugar requirement of the United States for the coming year, the Secretary of Agriculture will take into consideration this factor among others."

Trading in October was a great disappointment as the local futures market, which had been enjoying local support is more economical than a foreign one.

Liverpool, Nov. 11. The new cotton futures market launched with great enthusiasm on May 18, finds it a slow and up-hill business to achieve the volume of futures trading which it needs.

The reason is that too many spinners, using American cottons, still find it convenient to do their hedging in New York although Liverpool, it is pointed out, can furnish them the same protection and in the long run a local futures market, enjoying local support is more economical than a foreign one.

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Liverpool, Nov. 11. The number of privately owned United States flag ocean going merchant ships declined during October by 10, totalling over 200,000 deadweight tons, the American Merchant Marine Institute reported today. The decrease was the result of transfer or sale abroad of 15 vessels and the loss of one dry cargo vessel as a marine casualty.

The privately owned fleet in October numbered 763 dry cargo and combination vessels, totalling 7,978,004 deadweight tons and 410 tankers of 6,749,360 tons. This compared with 771 dry cargo and combination vessels totalling 8,002,730 tons and 424 tankers of 6,867,600 tons in September.—Reuter.

LONDON, Nov. 12. The Board of Trade has announced that unrestricted imports of coffee is now permitted from all non-dollar countries under open general licence. Individual licences were previously required for imports from countries outside the sterling area.

Cocoa beans, cocoa butter and other preparations may also be imported from the sterling area under open general licence, from Western Europe and certain other countries including Brazil.—Reuter.

LONDON WOOL TOP MARKET

LONDON, Nov. 11. Wool top futures closed steady with, however, no change in the downward trend of prices. Turnover was larger at 30 lots of 5,000 lbs. each. Closing prices were:

Month	Price
December	122 1/2-123 1/2
January	121 1/2-122 1/2
February	120 1/2-121 1/2
March	119 1/2-120 1/2
April	118 1/2-119 1/2
May	117 1/2-118 1/2
June	116 1/2-117 1/2
July	115 1/2-116 1/2
August	114 1/2-115 1/2
September	113 1/2-114 1/2
October	112 1/2-113 1/2

Others were unchanged.—United Press.

NY Cottonseed Oil

NEW YORK, Nov. 11. Prices of cottonseed oil futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

Month	Price
January	14 1/2
February	14 1/2
March	14 1/2
April	14 1/2
May	14 1/2
June	14 1/2
July	14 1/2
August	14 1/2
September	14 1/2
October	14 1/2

Others were unchanged.—United Press.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Nov. 11. Rail shares spurred as much as 4 points today to pace stocks to new quarter-century highs in active trading.

For workers in the financial district the day was an unpleasant one—the first Veteran's (or Armistice Day) session in years.

For market operators, however, it was most satisfactory. Prices in all sections climbed sharply. Volume was 2,900,000 shares, only slightly below sessions.

Demand for rails was stimulated, market commentators said, as investors put industrial profits into the carriers in anticipation of a rise for that group as business in general picks up.

Atlantic Coast Line soared 4 points. Union Pacific rose 3, Santa Fe 2 1/2.

INDUSTRIAL GAINS

Gains in industrials ranged to 8 points in Corning Glass. Texas Gulf Sulphur ran up another 2 1/4 points in continued response to its stock split.

Bethlehem led steels higher with a rise of 2 1/4.

General Motors improved nearly a point but Chrysler was a weak spot, falling a point on top of yesterday's sharp drop.

Reynolds Metals slumped 10 points when directors declared a stock dividend but took no decision on a stock split. It subsequently recovered to \$100, off 4 1/2.

Good gains were in the majority, however, and out of 1,174 issues traded, 645 were higher, only 291 lower.

Houston Oil ran up more than 6 points to feature oils. The New York Exchange bond volume was \$4,280,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 920,000 shares.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

Dow-Jones closing averages on Wall Street today were as follows:

Index	Value
30 Industrials	374.91
20 Rails	127.40
40 Utilities	60.63
60 Stocks	130.61
40 Bonds	100.91
Comin. future price index	173.60

—United Press.

Chicago Grain Prices

Chicago, Nov. 11. Prices per bushel in cents: Closing prices

Grain	Price
Wheat, No. 2, red	22 1/2-23 1/2
Spot	22 1/2-23 1/2
Mar.	22 1/2-23 1/2
May	21 1/2-22 1/2
Sept.	21 1/2-22 1/2
Corn, No. 2, yellow	10 1/2-11 1/2
Spot	10 1/2-11 1/2
Dec.	10 1/2-11 1/2
Mar.	10 1/2-11 1/2
May	10 1/2-11 1/2
Sept.	10 1/2-11 1/2
Rye	12 1/2-13 1/2
Dec.	12 1/2-13 1/2
Mar.	12 1/2-13 1/2
Oats	8 1/2-9 1/2
Dec.	8 1/2-9 1/2
Mar.	8 1/2-9 1/2
Soybeans, No. 2, yellow	27 1/2-28 1/2
Spot	27 1/2-28 1/2
Dec.	27 1/2-28 1/2
Mar.	27 1/2-28 1/2
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Vatican Sceptical Of New Soviet Decree On Religion

Vatican City, Nov. 11.
Authoritative circles here tonight said the Soviet Communist Party's decree against "insulting attacks" on church-goers and religion probably meant nothing more than the correction of recent errors.

YOSHIDA'S ASSURANCE ON POWs

London, Nov. 11.
The Japanese Prime Minister, Mr. Yoshida, has assured Britain that Japan will fulfil her peace treaty obligations to compensate Allied war prisoners who suffered undue hardship.
Mr. Robert Tait, Foreign Under-Secretary, told a questioner this in the House of Commons today.
Mr. Tait said in a conversation with Mr. Yoshida, the Japanese Prime Minister, that Japan would implement article 16 of the peace treaty so that compensation would be granted to those who suffered undue hardship while prisoners of war of Japan.
Mr. Tait said that Mr. Yoshida assured the Foreign Secretary that the Japanese Government would take action to fulfil this obligation.
Discussions on this question are proceeding in Tokyo, Mr. Tait said.

NOTICE

NANYANG COTTON MILL, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Interim Dividend of forty cents per Share on the Company's issued Capital, free of Hongkong Corporation Profits Tax, has been declared on account of the year 1954.

NOTICE is also given that the SHARE REGISTER of the Company will be closed from Monday 22nd November, 1954, to Thursday, 2nd December, 1954, both days inclusive.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS will be issued at the Registered Offices (Hongkong) Ltd., the Company's Registrars, at 604, Marina House, Queen's Road, Central, Hongkong, on and after Friday 3rd December, 1954.

By Order of the Board
C. D. SILAS,
Secretary.

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Application To Swear Death Of Bombing Victim Granted

An application for leave to swear the death of Mr. Lee Kwok-kit as having occurred on December 24, 1944 when the "Ling Nam Maru" was bombed by Allied planes on her way to Macao, was granted by Mr. Justice J. R. Gregg in the Supreme Court this morning.

The applicant was Mr. Lee's mother, Wai Wei-chung, of 105 Austin Road.
Her Counsel, Mr. O. V. Cheung (instructed by Mr. C. Y. Kwong) told the Judge that she wished to apply for letters of administration of the estate of the Mr. Lee which amounted to \$100,000.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence sent at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

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Japan, U.S.A. & Canada, 6 p.m.
India, China, 6 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, 6 p.m.
By Surface
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13
Philippines, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 9 a.m.
Japan & U.S.A., 9 p.m.

Radio Hongkong

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6.15 Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.30 Children's Hour; 7.00 News; 7.15 The Locusts (BBC); 7.30 Popular Music; 7.45 Weather Report; 8.00 Time Signal; 8.15 News (London Relay); 8.30, 8.45, 9.00, 9.15, 9.30, 9.45, 10.00, 10.15, 10.30, 10.45, 11.00, 11.15, 11.30, 11.45, 12.00, 12.15, 12.30, 12.45, 1.00, 1.15, 1.30, 1.45, 2.00, 2.15, 2.30, 2.45, 3.00, 3.15, 3.30, 3.45, 4.00, 4.15, 4.30, 4.45, 5.00, 5.15, 5.30, 5.45, 6.00, 6.15, 6.30, 6.45, 7.00, 7.15, 7.30, 7.45, 8.00, 8.15, 8.30, 8.45, 9.00, 9.15, 9.30, 9.45, 10.00, 10.15, 10.30, 10.45, 11.00, 11.15, 11.30, 11.45, 12.00, 12.15, 12.30, 12.45, 1.00, 1.15, 1.30, 1.45, 2.00, 2.15, 2.30, 2.45, 3.00, 3.15, 3.30, 3.45, 4.00, 4.15, 4.30, 4.45, 5.00, 5.15, 5.30, 5.45, 6.00, 6.15, 6.30, 6.45, 7.00, 7.15, 7.30, 7.45, 8.00, 8.15, 8.30, 8.45, 9.00, 9.15, 9.30, 9.45, 10.00, 10.15, 10.30, 10.45, 11.00, 11.15, 11.30, 11.45, 12.00, 12.15, 12.30, 12.45, 1.00, 1.15, 1.30, 1.45, 2.00, 2.15, 2.30, 2.45, 3.00, 3.15, 3.30, 3.45, 4.00, 4.15, 4.30, 4.45, 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